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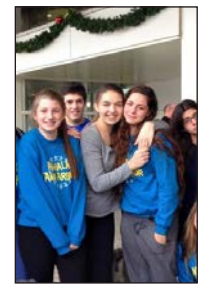

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Israeli superstar David Broza to appear at the Ark

Clara Silver, special to the WJN

It has been a very long time since Israeli superstar musician David Broza, has visited Southeast Michigan. Considered one of the world's most dynamic and vibrant performers, Broza is far more than a brilliant singer/songwriter. He has also been a driving force in a number of humanitarian projects, including the music-for-peace initiative, "Playing for Change.

Since 1977, when his hit song "Yihye Tov" first hit the airwaves, Broza has been working to promote a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In 1999, he met Said Murad, a renowned Palestinian composer, producer, and the leader of the band Sabreen. He began visiting Sabreen's studio in East Jerusalem, and played and worked in the space periodically over the next decade. The thrilling result of this collaboration is the film documentary and companion album, *East Jerusalem/West Jerusalem,* a collection of 13 songs that blends cultures, languages, and styles into a powerful statement about cooperation and coexistence. David Broza's aspirations for *East Jerusalem/West Jerusalem* reflect the lessons learned during its unprecedented creation, as well as lessons learned from a lifetime dedicated to peace, greater human understanding, and belief in the healing power of music.

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David Broza

On Saturday, November 14, Eastern Michigan University Jewish Studies will sponsor a screening of *East Jerusalem/West Jerusalem* at 7:30 p.m. in the EMU Student Center Auditorium. Broza will be available afterwards to talk about the film and answer questions.

The 28th Annual Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival, in cooperation with EMU Jewish Studies, will host Broza for brunch, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 15, at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Tickets are $10 per person.

On Sunday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m., Broza will perform a concert at The Ark, one of the most acoustically pure music venues in the country. Tickets are currently available by phone, at 763-8587; online, at http://theark.org/shows-events/2015/nov/15/eastern-michigan-university-jewish-studies-presents-david-broza; and in person, at the University of Michigan Student Union Ticket Office. Tickets range from $10 to $75 per person. ■

JCS to celebrate 50th anniversary

Wendy Sadler, special to the WJN

The Jewish Cultural Society of Ann Arbor (JCS) will host its 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to commemorate the organization's history and accomplishments, reconnect with past members and meet potential new members. A brunch, catered by Simply Scrumptious, will be followed by a short program. The celebration will take place at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. The event is open to the community. Registration is available online at http://www.jewishculturalsociety.org or by calling 975-9872.

In the early 1960s, a small group of parents, mostly secular Jews at the University of Michigan, met to consider how they could create a community of like-minded families for the purpose of sharing and celebrating their Jewish heritage. During an era steeped in civil rights, the Vietnam War and the war on poverty, there was only a small Jewish community in the Ann Arbor area with one Conservative congregation. In 1965 the JCS founders organized the Jewish Cultural School, run by parents as a cooperative organization.

Two decades later, the Jewish Cultural School became the Jewish Cultural Society, a secular humanistic Jewish congregation, with many members coming from interfaith/intercultural families, and parents still playing an important role. JCS continues to offer a Sunday school for children preschool to eighth grade, as well as the full spectrum of celebrations and community events, from baby namings and holidays to weddings and memorials. The JCS Bar/Bat Mitzvah program has become a unique and meaningful rite-of-passage experience for young adults and their families.

Today, the organization has a small professional staff in addition to strong parent involvement. Julie Gales is the ceremonial leader (Madrikha). Wendy Sadler is the executive director. The Jewish Cultural Society is affiliated in North America with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations that shares leadership training with the Society for Humanistic Judaism.

For more information or to register for the celebration on November 1: http://www.jewishculturalsociety.org/ ■

Impact Fund Award process announced

WJN *staff writers*

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor is continuing the Jewish Community Impact Fund for another year. The Fund of $40,000 is now accepting Requests for Proposals ranging from $2,000 to $10,000. After review by a selection committee for conformity to guidelines, all accepted proposals will be placed on a page on the Federation website and community members will be invited to vote for their two favorite proposals. Additional proposals will receive awards based on the judgment of the selection committee.

Jewish Community Impact Fund grants are intended to inspire individuals, organizations, congregations and agencies to develop and implement new or enhanced programs to meet significant community needs or create new and innovative engagement opportunities in the greater Ann Arbor Jewish community

Proposals should build upon any of the following fundamental tenets: connection and engagement, tikkun olam/social responsibility, pluralism, leadership, and innovation. Proposals may address but are not limited to the following areas:

- Outreach and engagement to new populations
- Expansion of services for segments of the Jewish community currently being underserved
- Responsiveness to the unmet needs of the Jewish community
- Collaboration between multiple Jewish organizations
- Use of technology to improve communication and marketing within the Jewish community
- These programs must have measurable impact and be consistent with the Federation's mission – to foster, initiate and preserve activities that strengthen Jewish life

Application forms and additional requirements are available on the Federation website, http://www.jewishannarbor.org/. Applicants must submit a Letter of Intent by December 4, 2015. The Selection Committee will review all Letters of Intent and return comments by December 24, clearing the way for a proposal to be submitted. All proposals must be received at the Jewish Federation no later than Monday, January 18, 2016. All awards will be announced in The LINK on Friday, March 25. ■

If you have any questions or need guidance, contact Federation Executive Director David Shtulman at 677-0100 or David@jewishannarbor.org.

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One Candle for Tzedakah celebrates giving, not receiving

Clara Silver, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and Jewish Family Services will bring the Ann Arbor Jewish community together on Thursday, December 10, at 6 p.m., for One Candle for Tzedakah, a community Chanukah event that celebrates not the gift-receiving aspect of the holiday, but rather the gift-giving aspect through *tzedakah*, or charity. Children who attend the event forego the gift they would have received that night and instead donate one, which they purchase with their parents, to children less fortunate than themselves. Families will have the opportunity to engage in *tzedakah* in two ways. The JCC has partnered with the United States Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots initiative for a third year, which will distribute the donated gifts. Also, families who attend will be invited to "give *tzedakah*," meaning donate money, to raise funds for Food Gatherers.

First donation

Anyone from the community can participate by bringing new, unwrapped toys, games, or other gifts to the JCC, which is serving as a Toys for Tots collection site. Donations will be accepted beginning in early November, and continue through the start of the One Candle for Tzedakah event. The donated gifts will be presented to the Toys for Tots representatives, visiting Marine reservists, during the community menorah lighting that evening. The Marine Toys for Tots program has a long history spanning nearly 70 years, and has collected and distributed millions of donated toys nationally to less fortunate children in regions both with and without Marine Reserve units. Ethan Krasnow, JCC director of Youth, Family and Camp, noted that, "participating as a collection site for Toys for Tots are exactly what Chanukah and the holidays are all about, giving and community. One Candle is the perfect way to bring the entire Ann Arbor Jewish community together for one of the most festive holidays of the year, while also doing something good for someone else."

One Candle for Tzedakah will begin with a kosher-style dinner that will include traditional Chanukah foods, games and activities for a variety of ages. After dinner, participants will join together for a special menorah candle lighting followed by a performance from Wild Swan Theater.

Sarah Hong, director of Programs and Outreach at JFS shared her thoughts about the event, "JFS is thrilled to co-sponsor this program. One Candle is a wonderful complement to JFS's Kids Creating Community programs and reflects our passion about raising the next generation of community-minded kids and families." The JCC expects over 200 participants to join in the festivities. One Candle for Tzedakah is open to the entire community and begins at 6 p.m. The nominal cost of $10 ($15 at the door) per person or $20 ($25 at the door) per household (up to two adults and children residing at a single address) includes dinner, all activities, and the Wild Swan Theater performance. Registration is available online at www.jccannarbor.org through December 4, or by calling the JCC at 971-0990. ■

One Candle for Tzedakah Celebration, 2014

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Jewish Family Services to host "Expansion Celebration" December 13

Rosemary Frenza Chudnof, special to the WJN

Following a year-long process of expanding its community service and programming space, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County is hosting an Expansion Celebration on the afternoon of Sunday, December 13. The event is sponsored by JFS corporate partner, Retirement Income Solutions.

JFS has been at its current location on South State Street since 2007, although at that time, it occupied a mere 3,000 square feet of the McKinley Executive Centre. That space was gradually

expanded through the efforts of devoted volunteers, but, as Executive Director Anya Abramzon notes, "In mid-2014, JFS was facing the need to move, because we were unable to meet the increased community need for our services. McKinley stepped in and fully funded the cost of a much-needed remodel and expansion, and also reduced the cost JFS pays per square foot. This generosity made it possible for JFS to respond to the growing community demand, and we now occupy 12,000 square feet of the building." Other contributions, such as a large amount of office furniture, were generously donated by Bank of Ann Arbor, a longtime JFS supporter. Finally, many individual donations have helped JFS outfit its new space with everything from furniture donation to original artwork. "We are grateful to our community," notes Abramzon.

Ann Arbor investment advisory firm Retirement Income Solutions, a valued community partner of JFS, will serve as the event's presenting sponsor, making the event's title "JFS' Expansion Celebration, Presented by Retirement Income Solutions."

The event will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, December 13, from 2–4 p.m. Attendees will be treated to wine and soft drinks, light snacks, and music. JFS' Meals for Meals program will hold a raffle of many donated local restaurant gift cards, with the proceeds from all ticket sales benefiting JFS' food pantry. Also, attendees will tour JFS' newly expanded space and departments in groups, including the now much larger specialty food pantry, Resettlement Services Department, Employment Services, and each of JFS's other program areas. "It is one thing to thank the community and describe our larger space," says Abramzon, "but quite another for our friends to be able to come and see for themselves what we are now doing for the community with their support."

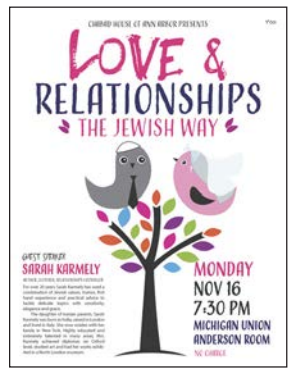
Prior to the general celebration, JFS will host a special reception, by invitation only, for the agency's major donors. This reception, which will feature a presentation by Detroit attorney Robert E. Kass, will serve as a kick-off for JFS' Planned Giving Society. Kass, an entertaining speaker and expert on estate law, charitable and planned giving who has spoken to many Jewish organizations on the topic of bequests, endowments and other planned gifts, will present on the numerous ways donors can make a gift to a non-profit agency that has an impact that lasts far beyond the donor's own lifetime.

"JFS is aware that the largest gift an agency might ever receive, that allows it to realize the most potential for the community, may be a bequest," says Abramzon. "We believe our major donors will receive real value, and be entertained, by Kass as he shares his knowledge on the topic of planned giving." Abramzon notes that anyone who wishes to attend this special program may RSVP, although space is limited. ■

Chabad to host talk by relationship counselor Sarah Karmely

Chana Sara Elias, special to the WJN

Intimacy, relationships and the l-word are possibly the most studied topics on university campuses, and not necessarily are they only studied in lecture halls. Chabad of Ann Arbor wants in on the action and is hosting a lecture titled, "Love and Relationships: The Jewish Way," on Monday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the Anderson Room of the Michigan Union. Relationship counselor Sarah Karmely will be the guest speaker, broaching topics such as meeting needs in a relationship, how to keep and revive a relationship, and intimacy.



"College students across America have really enjoyed and benefitted from Sarah Karmely's lectures, and we're excited to have her on our own campus," said Chanchi Goldstein, the rebbetzin on campus with Chabad of Ann Arbor.

Karemly is the daughter of Iranian parents and has lived all across the world. Now she tours the world, frequenting college campuses, speaking about the Jewish take on intimacy, love and relationships. She talks about what college students want to know, and even what they're too shy to ask. According to Karemly, she has answered questions such as being in the "friend zone," why guys are so commitment-phobic, and more. Questions like these will be addressed, with additional questions from the audience taken.

In addition to being an expert in Jewish intimacy and relationships, Karemly has studied art and had her works exhibited in a North London museum. She is the author of two books, *Thoughts to Hear with Your Heart*, and *Words to Hear with Your Heart*.

The event is opened to both men and women at no charge. ■

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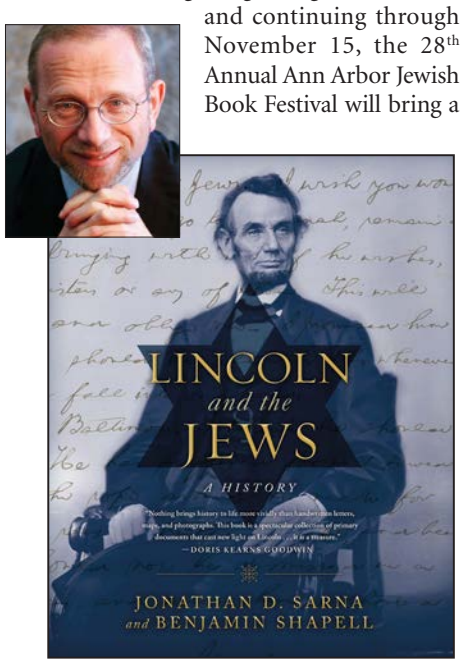
Jewish cultural arts offerings broaden

Clara Silver, special to the WJN

The Jewish Cultural Arts and Education department at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor continues to develop its already thriving cultural arts offerings. Beginning November 4, and continuing through November 15, the 28th Annual Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival will bring a fascinating group of authors to the community, including renowned scholar and author, Dr. Jonathan Sarna, speaking at the University of Michigan's Rackham auditorium on Sunday, November 8, at 4 p.m. Dr. Sarna will speak on his new historical work, *Lincoln and the Jews*, exploring the convergence of the first major wave of Jewish immigration and Abraham Lincoln's political career. Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival sponsors will have the opportunity to meet Dr. Sarna after his presentation and book signing at an afterglow reception. Dr. Sarna's visit is a collaborative effort between the Ann Arbor JCC, Eastern Michigan University Jewish Studies, University of Michigan Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, and University of Michigan Hillel, along with community donors Fran and Irwin Martin.



Dr. Jonathan Sarna and his newest work

Another feature of this year's Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival is the internationally famous Israeli recording artist, David Broza, who comes to Ann Arbor for a weekend of events through the collaboration of the Ann Arbor JCC, Eastern Michigan University Jewish Studies, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor. (see article, page XX.)

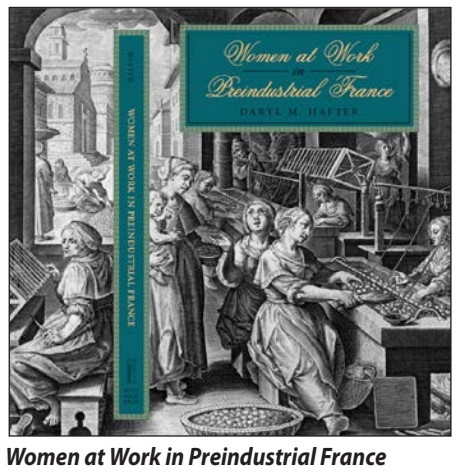
David Broza

The Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival is the largest, but certainly not the only, Jewish Cultural Arts event. The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra JCC Chamber Concert series will continue on Monday, November 9, as A2SO's musical director and conductor,

Arie Lipsky introducing the Haydn quartet

Arie Lipsky, will return to the Ann Arbor JCC with a program of piano and cello music. Tickets can be purchased online at www.a2so.org. The Amster Gallery at the Ann Arbor JCC will host artist Joan Zald, whose exhibition will begin on November 1, with a reception on Sunday, November 22, at 3 p.m., celebrating her other-worldly black and white infrared photography. Retired Eastern Michigan University professor of history Daryl Hafter will present "Women's Work in the 18th Century France," exploring her pioneering discovery that women were members of guilds, including some who attained prestige and economic power, the evening of Thursday, December 3, at 7 p.m. On Sunday, December 6, at 11 a.m., the JCC will present a lecture by Al Gourdji entitled, "From 2 Shas to Islamic Republic of Iran," which will explore the political and cultural clashes between secularism and religious fundamentalism in Iran from post 1941 to the present. Bruch can be purchased at the event for $5.

A photo from the Joan Zald exhibition



Women at Work in Preindustrial France

According to Karen Freedland, director of Jewish Cultural Arts and Education, "the Jewish Community Center is a real center of cultural arts events in the Ann Arbor community, and members of our Jewish community are always asking for more opportunities to enrich their lives through art and deep thinking." Those interested in attending, supporting, or volunteering for Jewish cultural arts events should contact Freedland at karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org or call 971-0990. ■

JLI offers new course on the spiritual side of existence

Binyomin Ploni, special to the WJN

Some questions are universal to the human experience. Is there life after death? What happens to the soul after we die? What is it like for those who have traveled over to the Great Beyond? These are but a few of the questions addressed in the newest course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI). Beginning November 3, JLI will present The Journey of the Soul, the institute's new six-session fall 2015 course.

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein teaching JLI course

Rabbi Goldstein of Ann Arbor Chabad House will conduct the six course sessions at 9 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Chabad House and Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

"There's a significant amount of confusion in the Jewish community about what happens to us when we die," explains Rabbi Naftali Silberberg, the lead editor for the course from JLI's headquarters in New York. "Many ideas that originate in other religions and belief systems have been popularized in the media and are taken for granted by unassuming Jews. In Journey of the Soul, we clear up these misconceptions and introduce an authentically Jewish approach which is both surprising and refreshing."

Journey of the Soul provides spiritual insight into the soul's journey through life, death, and beyond, as well as ancient Jewish wisdom that sheds light on the philosophical, emotional, and practical aspects of coping with death and mourning.

"Science knows the very little about the soul and what happens to it post mortem," said Rabbi Goldstein. "It's about what is truly valuable and meaningful in life which is relevant to everyone, and many in Ann Arbor have expressed their curiosity to learn about the topic, so we're expecting a good turnout."

Sheldon Solomon of Skidmore College who co-authored the book The Worm at the Core: On the role of Death in Life commented about the JLI course: "This course strikes me as a very fine juxtaposition of ancient theological wisdom with contemporary empirical science. My sense is that this will be an interesting and rewarding educational and personal experience."

Similar sentiments were expressed by other experts in the field, including Jeff Greenberg of University of Arizona; Dr. Casey Skvorc from the National Institutes of Health; Pamela Blair, co-author of *I Wasn't Ready to Say Goodbye*; and Bianca Nogrady, author of *The End: The Human Experience of Deat*h and others.

The course is being offered in joint sponsorship with the Washington School of Psychiatry, enabling medical and mental health professionals to earn up to 7.5 AMA, APA, CBBS, and ASWB continuing education credits for their participation.

Like all previous JLI programs, Journey of the Soul is designed to appeal to people at all levels of Jewish knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship.

Interested students may call 995-3276 or visit www.myJLI.com for registration and other course-related information. ■

Last year's JLI class

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Frankel Fellow's talk to explore: What's in a (Jewish) name?

Yaffa Klugerman, special to the WJN

The best part about researching name-changing in the Jewish community, says Kirsten Fermaglich, is that virtually everyone has a story. We hear of immigrants arriving at Ellis Island who shortened or altered their names. We gossip about celebrities like Jerome Silberman and Joan Molinsky who became known as Gene Wilder and Joan Rivers. We tell of how our parents chose our names, and how we chose our children's.

"In the modern era, Jewish names have been an important way that Jews have identified one another," said Fermaglich, a fellow at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan, "and so name-changing is a potentially transgressive, or at least deeply confusing behavior—and yet it is so common!"

On November 12, at 12:15 p.m., Fermaglich will speak on "I Changed My Name'": Cultural Debates Over Name Changing and Jewish Identity after World War II, 1945–1967." The lecture will take place at 200 S. Thayer St., Room 2022, and is free and open to the public. Her colloquium is one of many educational events being offered by the Frankel Institute this year that focuses on the 2015–16 theme of "Secularization/Sacralization."

Kirsten Fermaglich

Name changing, said Fermaglich, is a more complicated practice than people realize. "There have been a lot of assumptions about name changers in the past—and perhaps even today," she remarked. "For example, some assume that name changers abandoned the Jewish community, or that they are self-hating Jews. Others assume that Jews' names were changed involuntarily by Ellis Island officials. My research explores name changing that was done by Jews themselves—but not to abandon the Jewish community."

Fermaglich is associate professor of history and Jewish Studies at Michigan State University. She is the author of American Dreams and Nazi Nightmares: Early Holocaust Consciousness and Liberal America, 1957–1965, and co-editor of the Norton Critical Edition of Betty Friedan's The Feminine Mystique.

She is currently researching the history of name changing in New York City in the 20th century for a book tentatively entitled, *A Rosenberg by Any Other Name,* which investigates how name changing has changed since World War II. During the war, she argues, official name changing in New York City was a distinctively Jewish behavior pursued for families' social and economic mobility. In the 1960s and 1970s, Jews' distinctive patterns of name changing declined, and by the 1980s, Jews virtually disappeared from the name change petitions altogether.

When asked how she first became interested in her research, she joked, "With a name like Kirsten Fermaglich, I can't help but be fascinated by the topic!"

But she acknowledged that her research has helped her better understand her husband's and her different approaches to naming their own children.

"My name has never been a distinctively Jewish name," she explained. "My mother was always sensitive that she had given me a name that could be interpreted as downright Christian—I'm always careful to emphasize that it's Kirsten, not Kristen—and so I was looking for a name that would 'read' Jewish. But my husband has a very classic and distinctive Jewish name, and he didn't like the way that it labelled him: he wanted the children to have names that might allow them to travel in non-Jewish circles without being read as Jewish."

Her children's names, Raphael and Dalia, were a compromise. "The kids have Israeli names," she said, "but they are also names that are common in other cultures as well." ■

Jewish Communal Leadership Program Sukkot celebrations

Alli Rosen, special to the WJN

The University of Michigan Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) marked the beginning of its fifth year by creating a Sukkah space in the courtyard of the University of Michigan School of Social Work for students, faculty, and staff to engage with the themes of the Festival of Sukkot, drawing connections to the field of social work.

"People from many different identity groups showed a great interest in our traditions and customs by attending our open house and learning sessions in the JCLP Sukkah. I think that bringing the broader Ann Arbor community together to learn was extremely valuable" said second-year JCLP student Emily Zussman.

In 2014, JCLP themed the Sukkot celebration "Radical Hospitality" to highlight the imperative to welcome the stranger and to explore varied meanings of home and homelessness. This year, JCLP students built on this theme and prompted dialogue and artistic expression on the subjects of sanctuary, impermanence and fragility. JCLP students posed a series of provocative questions on flip charts and invited the School of Social Work community to respond with words or pictures. Students shared answers to questions like "How do you deal with things in life that are impermanent?" and "What makes you feel grounded?"

JCLP students, alumni, and staff converse at the U-M School of Social Work courtyard

Students also hosted a text study in the sukkah to discuss the *Hashkiveinu*, a prayer of protection and peace. "As social workers, we were interested in how our colleagues felt about sitting in a shelter of peace, and the ways in which it reminds us to protect ourselves and the ones we love, rather than to be judgmental. This sparked a really interesting conversation about the tension between protecting the people we love versus challenging them to be uncomfortable, because discomfort is a huge part of confronting issues of social justice that are important to us as social workers" said first-year student Avery Drongowski.

The annual JCLP Sukkot Open House, open to Ann Arbor community members, was held in the courtyard sukkah on Wednesday, September 30. Guests gathered for delicious seasonal food and stayed for spirited conversation. "It was great to be able to come together in the sukkah and have a shared learning experience about the holiday of Sukkot and its relationship to social justice. It centered me and made me feel grateful to be a part of the Ann Arbor community" said first-year JCLP student Mariel Schwartz. ■

TBE Sisterhood to host community estate sale

Temple Beth Emeth Sisterhood is bringing back the annual Trinkets and Treasures—A Community Estate Sale. Shop, Recycle, and Fundraise in Style on Sunday, November 15. Come and peruse the collection of much loved, gently used and new items, specifically donated for this event. Shoppers will find myriads of wonderful hidden finds. Satisfy your appetite for bargains, win a door prize and, most of all, give new homes to these treasures. There will be a Wi1--ne and Cheese/Early Entry, for $10, 4–5 p.m., and afterwards, free general entry from 5–9 p.m. in the Temple Beth Emeth Social Hall.

ICPJ 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a gala celebration on November 14. Numerous keynote speakers will speak about their past, their present, as well as how they envision the future of ICPJ. The event will also include music, a "This Is Your Life" feature, a farm-to-table dinner with locally-grown food, and a silent auction. Rabbi Alana Alpert, visiting rabbi at the Reconstructionist Congregation, will be one of the featured speakers, as will Rev. Jeffery Harrold of New Beginnings Community Church. The event will take place from 6–9 p.m. at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, in the Morris Lawrence Building.

To purchase tickets, visit icpj-50dinner.eventbrite.com. Anyone interested in being a sponsor and/or to place an ad in the program can contact Jane at jane@icpj.org or 663-1870.

Negotiations take many forms

by David Shtulman

October has witnessed a wave of violence against Israelis that we have not seen since the second intifada, 2000–2005. There have been multiple attacks daily for two weeks as of this writing on October 14. The attacks have been primarily stabbing attacks on unsuspecting civilians walking in the street. There have also been shooting incidents, deadly rock throwing attacks, cars used to ram civilians at train stations, an attack on a bus during an attempted hijacking and a foiled car bomb attack. In addition, on two occasions mobs from Gaza, at the urging of Hamas leader Ismail Haniya, have burst through the border fence only to be pushed back by Israeli forces while sustaining multiple casualties.

The majority of these attacks appear to be by "lone wolf" attackers rather than an organized terror offensive. Almost all of the stabbing attacks are by young men and women in their late teens or early 20s, however some attacks have been perpetrated by children as young as 13 and 15 years old.

Some pundits, including Secretary of State John Kerry, are already blaming this new wave of violence on settlement expansion or the failure of peace talks. They decided a long time ago that settlements are the root of all violence and everything else can be traced back to that source. There is no doubt in my mind that some settlements—and settlers—are a great obstacle to peace and a source of tension which sometimes lead to outbreaks of violence. But anyone who is paying attention can see that there are other issues at play in this instance.

Arab political and religious leaders have long claimed that Israel is planning to destroy the Al Aqsa mosque on the Temple Mount. This is a libel that ignores the fact that it was the Israeli government who resolved to leave the Mount under the control of the Islamic Waqf back in 1967 so as to assure the Arabs that Israel had no intention of interfering with the Islamic holy sites, despite the fact that the Temple Mount is holy to Jews and Christians as well.

There have been accusations that Jews plan to blow up the mosque, are tunneling underneath it to collapse it and even that chemicals are being used to dissolve the foundations. In point of fact, the only real threat to the area was created by unauthorized digging by the Palestinian Authority that threatened the integrity of the entire artificial platform built by King Herod to accommodate the Temple in Roman times. It took a team of Jordanian and Israeli engineers to restore its structural stability.

I remember well visiting the Temple Mount in the 1970s and early 1980s. At that time, all visitors were welcome to stroll in the area. Tourists could pay a small fee, remove their shoes, wash their feet and enter the Dome of the Rock. Upon exiting the mosque, a line of Arab photographers would take your picture and try to sell it to you.

Today, Hamas pays a monthly salary to scores of Arab men and women to harass non-Muslim visitors. Al Aqsa is used to warehouse stones, other projectiles and fireworks to defend the "sanctity" of the area. When there are outbursts of violence, and the Israeli police or army is needed to restore calm, rocks are thrown and fireworks fired from within the mosque. The only actual damage to the mosque has been caused by the use of fireworks inadvertently setting the carpets of the mosque alight.

All this is political theater to call the Muslim nation to the defense of Al Aqsa. The danger to Al Aqsa is completely fabricated, but deeply ingrained in most Arabs. Any Jewish presence is now believed to be an attack on Islam and this slander is preached almost daily by Palestinian media, political and clerical leaders. Mahmoud Abbas himself has recently been quoted accusing Jews of "defiling the Aqsa Mosque with their filthy feet" and announcing that "Every drop of blood spilled in Jerusalem is pure blood." A cleric in Gaza used a knife in his televised October 9 sermon to call on all Arabs in the West Bank to stab Jews and let them stay at home or risk death.

The impact on Israeli society is palpable and the reactions predictable. Israeli extremists are launching their own indiscriminate revenge stabbing attacks. New security measures, necessitated by the violence, will restrict Palestinian movement, which will exacerbate the tensions and lead to accusations of "collective punishment." A call from the Arab League has already gone to the United Nations to protect the Palestinian people from the Israelis. The Palestinian Authority has condemned the deaths of the Palestinian attackers but not the Israelis they themselves killed.

This violence has little to do with the Israeli settlements and less to do with the failure of peace negotiations, to which the Palestinian Authority refuses to return. This is a negotiation, not with Israel, but with the world. Israel will not concede to the unreasonable demands of the Palestinians and, even if they did, no Palestinian leader has the power to accept whatever compromises would still be necessary on their part, in other words, accepting the legitimacy of a Jewish state in any form.

This violence is part and parcel of the campaign, in lieu of peace talks, to demonize and further delegitimize Israel in the eyes of the world. The peace terms the Palestinians are proposing to the world is a cessation of violence for global rejection of Israel. There will be no shortage of supporters for this deal. Others, in a "balanced" approach, will call for an end to violence by all sides. Some will continue to blindly argue that if only Israel would remove the settlements, the violence would stop.

In the end though, there is only one possible outcome. The violence will be put down, sometimes with very ugly results. Tensions and hatred between Jews and Muslims will increase amid mutual accusations of blame. Many Palestinians will lose their employment opportunities in Israel and the Palestinian economy will suffer a major setback. Advocacy for peace, such as it exists, will be destroyed along with any trust that exists between the two communities. And the legitimacy of the Palestinian leadership will be discredited among its own people again, leading to further disintegration of civil society.

This is one heck of a negotiating strategy. ■

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Oslo boomers: Palestinians born after 1993 accords set a teen terror trend

By Alex Traiman/JNS.org

In 1993, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization entered into the Oslo peace process, in the hopes of reaching a final status peace agreement by 1999. In 2015, Palestinians born after the signing of the Oslo Accords are distancing themselves from the agreement, instead turning toward violent acts of terror.

Notably, on Oct. 12, 13-year-old and 17-year-old Palestinian terrorists seriously injured two Israelis in a stabbing attack in the northern Jerusalem community of Pisgat Ze'ev.

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A graduation ceremony at a youth military camp sponsored by a Palestinian Islamic Jihad terror group

During a briefing to the Knesset Internal Affairs Committee on actions to quell the violence, acting Israeli Police Chief Bentzi Sau acknowledged the phenomenon of teenage terrorists, claiming that "more than half of the detainees" in recent terror attacks in Israel are minors.

According to Khalil Shikaki, director of the Ramallah-based Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (PSR), the Oslo Accords take on a different meaning for the younger generation of Palestinians than for those who were adults at the time of the signing.

"The older generation remembers the pre-Oslo conditions and therefore tend to be less critical of that agreement than the younger generation who sees Oslo as a miserable failure," Shikaki told JNS.org, noting that youths consider the Oslo agreement to be "a failure to end occupation, deliver a state, or build clean, efficient, and strong public institutions."

Bassem Eid, another expert on internal Palestinian affairs and former director of the Jerusalem-based Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, asserts that younger Palestinians—whether living in Jerusalem, Gaza, or the West Bank—have been taught to feel that their daily lives "are getting worse and worse."

"Imagine those who have been born after the Oslo agreement," Eid told JNS.org. "If you are born with the feeling that life is getting worse and worse, that is the frustration."

Eid said the feeling that Oslo is a failure, while pervasive among the younger generation, is actually shared universally by Palestinians.

"The Oslo agreement almost died several years ago in the eyes of the Palestinians. I don't believe that there is one Palestinian who believes that Oslo still exists," he said.

Yet blame for the failure of Oslo—in the eyes of Palestinians—may be attributed not only to Israeli policies, but also to Palestinian leadership. And for Jerusalem Arabs currently living under full Israeli sovereignty, living under Palestinian Authority (PA) rule may not be an appealing alternative.

In a mid-September poll conducted by Shikaki's PSR among Arabs living in the West Bank, 79 percent of respondents believe that corruption exists within the PA, and 53 percent say the PA is now a burden on the Palestinian people.

Eid argued that Palestinians "have almost reached a conclusion that under such leadership, whether the Palestinian Authority or Hamas, life is not going to improve."

"Palestinians are fed up with the Palestinian Authority," Eid said.

According to experts, these factors—including a strong sense among Palestinians that Israelis are no longer pushing toward a two-state solution, a complete lack of confidence in the PA, and two decades of incitement and the glorification of Palestinian terrorists—combine to influence youths' decisions to carry out savage acts of terror.

The recent PSR poll, published just before the outbreak of the current terror wave, more than half of Palestinians favor youths carrying out such attacks. Fifty-seven percent of Palestinians, the poll said, support a return to an armed intifada "in the absence of a viable peace process." The research center's director, Shikaki, noted that "PSR findings show that 60 percent of young men (18-28 years) tend to support an armed intifada a little more than the general public. However, the gap is small and within the margin of error."

"It is evident that the support for an armed intifada is widespread and is not restricted to the youth," Shikaki told JNS.org.

While the ongoing spate of stabbings, shootings, car-rammings, stone-throwings, and firebombings against Israelis is the most heavily concentrated terror wave in several years, Israelis remain hopeful that it will be quickly subdued and not develop into a full-blown intifada.

"I don't think this is an intifada," contended Eid, saying that the current violence "is not organized by any political body. It is organized by incitement."

Meanwhile, Palestinian attacks continue daily across the West Bank, along the border between Israel and Gaza, and throughout Israeli cities, with the heaviest barrage of attacks striking Jerusalem. Eid said that Palestinian incitement across the West Bank and Gaza—promoted by political leaders and terror movements, and spreading virally to youths on social media—is focused primarily on defending Jerusalem.

Palestinians in Jerusalem, according to Eid, "have the feeling that they are the front of the whole struggle right now for the Al-Aqsa mosque." He added that Palestinian leaders in Ramallah have been singing the praises of Jerusalem terrorists, claiming they are "exceeding any level of expectations in the struggle."

"Unfortunately, such kind of incitement will probably bring more and more attacks right now against Jews," said Eid. ■

Two Recon congregations build bridges from Ann Arbor to Detroit

Jonathan Cohn, special to the WJN

It takes a little under an hour to drive from Ann Arbor to Oak Park, where the Reconstructionist Congregation T'chiyah holds its worship and activities. But this year the distance might start to seem a little smaller.

The reason is Alana Alpert.

Alpert is T'chiyah's rabbi. But this (Jewish) year, about once a month, she will also be leading services at the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC).

Her stint as a visiting rabbi is part of arrangements that the AARC has made for the year while it conducts a search for a new, permanent rabbi. In addition to recruiting Rabbi Alpert, the AARC brought in Michael Strassfeld, former rabbi from the Society for the Advancement of Judaism in New York, and Joy Levitt, executive director of the Manhattan JCC, to lead services at High Holidays. Rabbi Strassfeld will be back for two more shabbatonim in 2016, in January and March.

Congregational leaders at both AARC and T'chiyah hope that Rabbi Alpert's work in Ann Arbor can do more than provide spiritual leadership. They hope it's the beginning of closer ties between the two congregations, which have a great deal in common. That's a goal Alpert endorses, too. "It would strengthen both of our congregations to be more connected to each other, and to collaborate," she said in an interview. "This is a nice way of starting to create that relationship. There's not a grand plan for it, but we're hoping that sparks will fly."

Alpert says the opportunity to work with AARC has been both exciting and a little intimidating. Alpert is fresh out of rabbinical school and arrived in Detroit only a year ago, moving here from the Boston area. But she's already developed a reputation for stirring sermons that reflect her strong interest in social justice. A major project at T'chiyah right now is the launch of "Detroit Jews for Justice," a program modeled on similar initiatives in New York, Washington D.C., and the Twin Cities.

Alana Alpert

During the interview, Alpert spoke of her commitment to highlighting issues like inequality, LGBT rights, and the struggles of racial minorities in the U.S. Albert cites as a role model Abraham Joshua Heschel, the Polish-born rabbi who emigrated to the U.S. and became famous for marching alongside Martin Luther King in Selma.

Last year, Alpert made a similar journey of her own, organizing a carful of young Jewish activists to travel to Ferguson, Missouri—where she ended up on the front lines of protests and then addressing the crowd. She wove this subject into her d'var torah for High Holidays this year at T'chiyah. Andy Levin, the congregation's president, called it "transformative and inspirational." Alpert, he said, "really challenges the community."

Alpert says that's one of her main goals—to engage the American Jewish community in work to make their neighborhoods, their nation, and their world a better place. That's one reason that cooperation with AARC makes so much sense, she says. AARC members are already active in many social justice causes, both personally and as a group. For example, over the past year, the congregation has been leading a coalition of community partners in a "food, land, and justice" initiative.

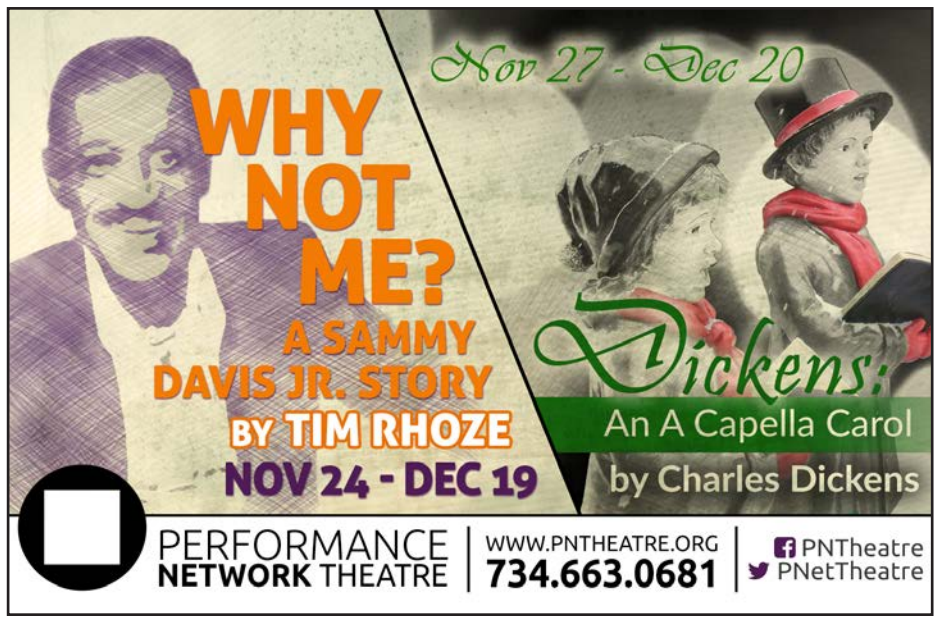
"When I give a d'var torah, nine times out of ten I'll be talking about social justice," Alpert says. "It's just the kind of rabbi that I am, and the kind of Jew I am—and it's clear to me, already, how much I have to learn from AARC members about some issues that I've cared about for many years."

AARC members, for their part, seem just as excited about Alpert's arrival—and not just because they share Alpert's vision of a Jewish community engaged in social action.

Deb Kraus, a founding AARC member, was part of a delegation that first traveled to T'chiyah to see Alpert in action. "From the get go, I was impressed by how down-to-earth Rabbi Alana is, both as a person and as a service leader. In my experience this is pretty rare. She incorporated people into the service almost seamlessly, and in a central way, not as an afterthought. She projects a sense of warmth."

Kraus calls T'chiyah and the AARC "a natural coalition" -- a sentiment echoed by Debbie Zivan, who is on the AARC committee that is facilitating this year's rabbi arrangement. "AARC members are enjoying Rabbi Alana as a service leader. And we're looking forward to broadening our community by bridging with Congregation T'chiyah. I think both congregations will get a refreshing boost in creativity by sharing events, ideas and friendship."

Alpert will next lead services on the Fourth Friday in November, at the JCC; all members of the community are welcome. Details on this and additional events are available at http://aarecon.org. ■



Expressing appreciation through blessings

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, special to the WJN

This past summer, I had the opportunity to go to a place I have wanted to visit for quite a while. I traveled to the northern tip of the Lower Peninsula to the Headlands International Dark Sky Park just outside of Mackinaw City.

Headlands is one of 19 designated Dark Sky Parks throughout the world—most are in the US—which allow for better viewing of the night sky. These parks provide a place for stargazing away from artificial lighting that make such viewing difficult or impossible. I had wanted to visit for quite a while as I am always looking for an opportunity to see something unique in the night sky.

The attraction this time was the annual Perseid Meteor Shower that visits us every August. I had been disappointed many times hoping to see the meteors around Ann Arbor. This time, I wanted to be sure. So, I headed to this prime viewing location and arrived there just before sunset to join several 100 other people who had the same idea.

As we waited until the sky was dark, hoping for a clearing of the mostly cloudy skies, there was quite a bit of nervous anticipation. But, suddenly, the clouds lifted and as a staff member spoke to the gathered crowd about which direction to look, a meteor flashed across the sky as if on cue. It was greeted with some screams of delight, some "Wows," and a few audible sighs of disappointment from those who were looking in the wrong direction.

But, my first reaction was not a "Wow" but a quietly said blessing, a *bracha*, the traditional words said when seeing a shooting star: "*Baruch Atah… oseh ma'asey beraysheet.*" "Blessed are You O Lord Our God Ruler of the Universe who performs the acts of creation."

This blessing is one of many which are called "*brachot nehanin,*" blessings said on experiencing a significant event in the world. Their purpose is to acknowledge God's role in our lives and to express appreciation for that which we experience.

There are several types of situations that cause me to immediately turn to the *bracha* as my first response. On top of the list are astronomical phenomena: rainbows, thunder, lightning and shooting stars.

These blessings are a way of acknowledging the remarkable phenomena that add to our delight and excitement when experiencing the natural world. They are a way of expressing a recognition of the intricacy and beauty of the world God created and they remind us of both our smallness in relation to creation and our exalted position in the world as creatures which can appreciate with awe and wonder the world in which we live.

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

Brachot of this kind allow us to see the complex natural world as proof of the existence of God. They allow us to say: "wow" in a more meaningful and more satisfying way.

Many people do have issues with prayer. They wonder whether God listens or whether prayer has any effect at all on our lives. But, these *brachot*, as simple as they are, can help us to recognize God's creative power in situations that we might otherwise take for granted. To say a blessing at the first snowflakes we see or the first blossoms we smell in spring on the tree in front of our house ascribes to the passage of time some additional meaning. To say a blessing when we hear the crack of thunder reminds us of the strength of the natural world. To say a blessing when we see a meteor flashing through the sky adds a spiritual significance to the beauty and majesty of the sight.

There are blessings to be said for so many occasions. While we may not be able to say every one at every opportunity, I would recommend looking at a list of the blessings which can be found in many prayer books or on the internet and deciding what types of experiences are the ones which you find most inspiring and learning the blessing to be said for those experiences. You may find that those simple sentences open up a world of meaning for you as we seek to better understand and appreciate our place in the grand scheme of things. ■

Living a full life

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

The Torah portion we will be reading on Shabbat, November 7, is called Chayei Sarah—the life of Sarah. It mainly speaks of the passing of Sarah, and later on the marriage of her son Yitzchak (Isaac). When the Torah finishes telling us about the passing of Sarah and her burial, it shifts focus to Abraham. The verse states, (Gen. 24:1) " Abraham became old and he came into his years." This means to say that he lived a full life. As our rabbis tell us, as explained in the Zohar, Abraham our father used all the days of his life to serve God. All of his days were complete and filled with service to God. Even one day wasn't lost. This statement has to be understood.

It's known from the Talmud that Abraham was at least three years old when he recognized God. Our rabbis even find some indication for this in the Torah when it says, later on, in Genesis 26:5, that God was praising Abraham and saying how he observes all of the mitzvot (God's specified good deeds). He uses the word "*eikev*" – because he has listened to Me. If we take the numerical values of the letters of the word "*eikev*" it totals 172. The rabbis say that the Torah is indicating here that in the 175 years that Abraham lived, for 172 years he followed God's ways. Thus it is assumed that he began at age 3. So the question is; how can we say that his whole, entire life was dedicated to God when there were three years that were missing? Furthermore, in the Midrash there are certain opinions among the rabbis that Abraham recognized God when he was 40. Some say 48. So now the question is even more pressing. How can we say that Abraham wasn't missing even a single day of serving God in his entire life when there are 3 to 48 years that are in dispute? In truth, this question can be asked about any person. All of us are only obligated to observe God's laws after we turn into adults (12 for women 13 for men). Prior to the age of adulthood, a person is missing the full fulfillment of doing God's mitzvot because they are in the training process. If everyone is missing 12 or 13 years of their life in service to God, then how can we say anyone can lead a completely full life?

Therefore, to answer this question we have to say that the years that a child is learning and being trained are not considered missing years. On the contrary, these are years of preparation for the observant life they will be leading as adults. Consequently, it is considered a part of the mitzvot that they will be observing as adults. It is part of God's plan that individuals, in our days, should be training and practicing for the first 12 or 13 years of their lives in order that they can begin immediately and correctly observing the required mitzvot when they reach their age of bat or bar mitzvah.

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein

The same principle can be applied to Abraham. True, he came to recognize God when he was three, forty or forty-eight, but these youthful years were spent searching for the truth—Maimonides states that he was searching and seeking until he found the truth of serving God's will. Consequently, these years of searching are considered part of his service to God. We can't say that he actually did all the mitzvot during those years – in fact he didn't – that's why we say that he observed the mitzvot subsequent to reaching age 3 or 40 or 48. However, we can't say that these early years are missing in the definition of a full life of observing mitzvot because they were preparatory years of practice and learning for a subsequent lifetime of observance. Hence, they are considered a part of the lifetime process of serving God.

This same principle applies to us in our days here in exile. It is preparation and training to do our parts to make the world a complete place for God to dwell when the redemption comes. So actually, we need this preparation time in exile—even though it's just training—but it is training that will help us reach the coming of Moshiach. So the lesson we learn from all of this is the great importance of education—especially for children. Even though they are minors and are not obligated to do the mitzvot, this education and practice prepares them for observance—so the preparation is also very important. This is a great obligation that we have—to see to it that our children get a proper Jewish education that prepares them for a life of service to God. ■

The *lul*

Rabbi Robert Levy, special to the WJN

I wrote the following brief essay what seems like 100 years ago when I was 17. Today I long to feel the innocent enthusiasm I knew then for Israel. Today youthful simplicity has yielded to what is both more complex and less comfortable.

On my first day of *avoda* (work) in the *lul* (chicken coop), I was greeted by the smiling faces of three Israeli *lul men* (*chevri oif* (chicken men)). Joel, David and I greeted the chickens. We passed through the sliding door and immediately were told what the smiles were about—today was moving day. *Lul* "*gimel*" chickens were to be moved to *lul* "*heh.*"

The three of us split up and I was all alone with a *chaver ofe*. We pulled a cart that rides on railroad rails down the center of the *lul*.

The cart stopped.

We turned.

Opened our cages,

and grabbed.

From then on I realized just what *luling* was. I grabbed another and another. Hot rushes ran up my spine. "But wait," I said to myself. "Why just grab? On my next grab I took a wing, then a leg, then 2 wings, then 2 birds. Between each grab, I would stuff the birds into a cage on the cart. When the cart was full, we moved out to the next *lul* where we stuffed the chickens back into cages. This was almost as much fun as ripping them out. For eight hours, I was in complete bliss.

Rabbi Robert Levy

After *avoda* and a shower, I arrived in the *mitbach* (kitchen) for *erev* Shabbat *toranut* (rotated kitchen duty). When the oven door was opened, I eyed the beautiful chickens roasting in their own juice. I ran over and grabbed a wing. I felt its warmth pulsate within me. I left the *mitbach* and ran through the kibbutz, until I arrived at the *lul*, slid the door open and wept. ■

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November at Temple Beth Emeth

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Adult Jewish Yoga with Shlomit

Thursdays, November 5, 12 and 19, Noon–1:15 pm, Family Room

The classes are located at TBE on the lower level in rooms 9 and 10. Set an intention based on the weekly Torah portion and work on your strength all at the same time! BYOM (Bring your own mat). Semester price is $120 or you can purchase a punch card with 10 classes and the 11th free for $100. Contact aostfield@templebethemeth.org for more information or to purchase a punch card.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit

Thursdays, November 5, 12 and 19, 1:15–2 p.m. | Chapel

For practitioners of all levels. Intention and instruction followed by 30-minute silent meditation. Facilitated by SooJi Min, Judy Freedman, and Quyen Epstein-Ngo. SooJi Min is TBE's executive director. She recently completed a 16-month mindfulness teacher training program sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and the Awakened Heart Project. Judy Freedman has been meditating for over 20 years. She attended a three-year training in Jewish Meditation sponsored by the Philips Foundation at Chochmat ha Lev. She has previously taught at TBE and is excited to return. Quyen Epstein-Ngo is a therapist who holds a joint doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology and Women's Studies. One of the areas she specializes in is working with adolescents, adults, and couples on issues of faith and spirituality. Contact SooJi Min with questions, 665-4744.

Families with Young Children (FYC): Tot Shabbat Service

November 6, 13, 20 and 27, 5:45 p.m
TBE Sanctuary
6:15 p.m. Dinner, 6:45 p.m. Shira Service

All of your favorite songs led by Cantor Hayut. Join us for macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, applesauce, and a salad bar immediately following the short service. Dinner is just $5 per person. Buy a punch card ahead of time for a discounted price. Punch cards are available in the TBE office. After dinner we will enjoy a Shira, a joyous, active song fest, followed by a popsicle oneg.

Weekly Lunch and Learn: Is There a Social Justice Agenda in Judaism?

Fridays, November 6, 13 and 20, 12:30–1:30 p.m., TBE Adult Lounge

Each week, Rabbi Levy brings his choice of text. Texts will come from both inside and outside the Jewish tradition, from the Torah to the medieval period, through to modernity. Feel free to come whenever you can and bring your lunch. As this is Rabbi Levy's last year with us, you will not want to miss this weekly gem!

Sukkat Shalom, The Peaceful Shelter of Shabbat

Elementary Shabbat Services with Rabbi Levy
November 6, 13, 20 and 27, 5:45 p.m. TBE Chapel
6:15 p.m. Dinner, 6:45 p.m. Shira Service

What to do after Tot Shabbat no longer meets your needs and, more importantly, the needs of your children? Not to worry, we are expanding service offerings for our youngest members! Join with us for Sukkat Shalom, The Peaceful Shelter of Shabbat. Held parallel to Tot Shabbat, this will be a quieter moment for our children in grades K-3.

Men's Torah Study

Mondays, November 9 and 2, 7–8:30 p.m., TBE Rm. 16

A men's Torah discussion group led by both lay and clergy leadership. It is lay led on the 2nd Monday and led by Rabbi Levy on the 4th Monday. We will continue to find our way as men by wrestling with text. For more information, contact Roger Stutesman at rgstutesman@sbcglobal.net.

Women's Torah Study

Mondays, November 9 and 23, 7-8:30 p.m., TBE Adult Lounge

Join in for in-depth study and lively discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Cantor Regina Hayut. The group will explore various passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary to participate in the discussion. For questions, contact Cantor Regina Hayut at cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org.

Spirituality Book Club

Tuesday, November 10, 7:30–8:30 p.m., Adult Lounge
Thursday, November 12, Noon–1 p.m., Adult Lounge

Join Cantor Emerita Annie Rose as she leads a journey through this year's books over 8 months, generously sponsored by the Year of the Torah Fund. November's book is *Jews and Words*, by Amos Oz and Fania Oz-Salzberger. Please sign up for the book club by emailing Annie Rose at cantorannie@gmail.com or drop in to any of the meetings. View the full brochure at www.templebethemeth.org.

Jewish Storytellers in America

Thursday, November 12, 7–8:30 p.m., TBE Room 16

Jews have always appreciated good stories. What better way to learn about life than to hear about someone else's troubles or triumphs? Storytellers can bring us to unknown worlds; they can teach us about the world we thought we knew; they can bring the community together under shared values. How have Jewish storytellers in modern America sustained and renewed this key aspect of Jewish culture? Join us for a mini-course, taught by Julian Levinson, Samuel Shetzer Associate Professor of American Jewish Studies (jlevinso@umich.edu), in which we will read and discuss a sampling of Jewish stories written in the United States since 1945. November 12, Session 3: Contemporary Jewish Storytellers, part 1 (focus on the Holocaust).

Jump Into Shabbat Pre-Service Fun

Friday, November 13
6:15 pm Shabbat Dinner, 6:45 pm Games

Before 3rd Grade Shabbat, join us for family Shabbat dinner in the Social Hall ($5/meal) followed by gaga, jump roping, hula hooping and other thrills! 7:30 services follow with a special 3rd grade blessing.

Trinkets and Treasures

Sunday, November 15, 5–9 p.m., TBE Social Hall

Temple Beth Emeth Sisterhood is bringing back, by popular demand, the annual Trinkets and Treasures—A Community Estate Sale! Shop, Recycle, and Fundraise in Style. Attendees will find a collection of much loved, gently used and new items, specifically donated for this event. Included are myriads of wonderful hidden finds. Free general entry. Wine and Cheese/ Early Entry: $10, 4–5 p.m. We are now ready to start collecting items you are willing to donate. Contact Yuni Aaron, yuniaaron@me.com, for information and drop off locations.

[E]met: An Honest Conversation about Death

Thursday, November 19, 7 p.m., TBE Rooms 7 and 8

Remember the two topics never discussed at the dinner table, sex and death? Well we've had the sex talk. Now let's talk about death. Come join us for the second year of this discussion group about death. The purpose is to increase the awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives. [E]met is a group-directed discussion of death with no specific agenda other than to share stories, ideas and experiences. While a decidedly Jewish context will be offered, the discussion is not limited to any one belief. [E]met is not a grief support group or a counseling session, but rather an opportunity to grapple with this important part of life within a community of others. This will be co-facilitated by Brian Ashin and Rabbi Levy.

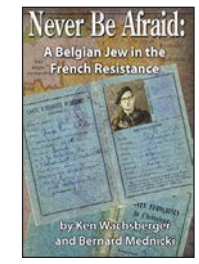
Monday Evening Memoir Writing Workshops

November 16, 7–9 p.m., TBE Library

Read and discuss contemporary memoirs written by Jews around the world, learn the nuts and bolts of memoir writing, and receive support for your writing process and endeavors with TBE Librarian Clare Kinberg.

Memoir Reading in the Library

Sunday, November 15, 4:30–6 p.m., TBE Library



Hear from local memoir writers about what it took for them to write and publish memoirs. This month we will be reading and discussing *Never Be Afraid*, by Ken Wachsberger No RSVP necessary, all members of the Jewish community welcome!

Chanukah Bazaar

Saturday, November 21, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. and Sunday, November 22, 3–7:30 p.m.
TBE Adult Lounge

Everything you need for Chanukah and more! Gelt, candles, dreidels, menorahs, gift wrap, toys, cards, kitchen items, music, jewelry and unique gifts.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 25, 7:30 p.m., TBE Sanctuary

We will hold our annual Genesis Erev Thanksgiving Service with St. Clare's Episcopal in our shared sanctuary. This is a unique service and a fitting beginning to our national holiday of Thanksgiving.

Youth

TBE has three youth groups. Third–5th grade students begin with I, the Hebrew word for first. Sixth–8th grade students are a part of Kadima, which in Hebrew translates to forward, thus preparing them for the high school youth group, AARTY (Ann Arbor Temple Youth).

Rishonim Bowling @ Colonial Lanes
Sunday, November 22, noon–2 p.m.

Meet at 1950 S. Industrial Hwy for a fun afternoon of bowling and food. Cost $15. For more information and to RSVP, contact Zoe McCoon at tbeyouth.annarbor@gmail.com.

Kadima Bowling @ Colonial Lanes
Sunday, November 22, 3–5 p.m.

Meet at 1950 S. Industrial Hwy for a fun afternoon of bowling, food and some killer strikes. Cost $15. For more information and to RSVP, contact Zoe McCoon at tbeyouth.annarbor@gmail.com.

AARTY Pie Sale | Zingerman's Pies

Order by Tuesday, November 17.

The pies will be available for pick-up in the adult lounge on BOTH Tuesday and Wednesday, November 24 and 25 from 4–7 pm and for an hour after the Erev Thanksgiving Service. Pies are $30 each. Select from: Pumpkin, Rustic Apple, Pecan, Chocolate Chess, Cranberry Walnut, and Jumble Berry. Order pies online at secure.templebethemeth.org/ or call the office at 665-4744. Contact Avital at aostfield@templebethemeth.org with any questions ■

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Friday, 11/27, 8pm
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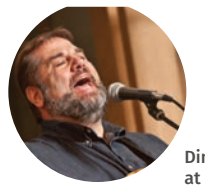

Thursday, 11/12, 8pm
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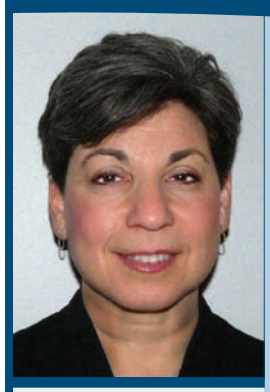

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Beth Israel November activities

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

"Thresholds: How to Thrive Through Life's Transitions to Live Fearlessly and Regret-Free"

Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor

This event is a Jewish Book Fair presentation by author Rabbi Shere Hirsch, sponsored by Beth Israel. For over 20 years, Rabbi Sherre Hirsch has been sharing her intimate counsel and wisdom with people in all kinds of "pulpits," ranging from her congregation at the Sinai Temple Los Angeles to corporate auditoriums to small Southern Baptist churches. She serves as the spiritual life consultant for Canyon Ranch Properties and is a highly sought-after inspirational speaker and teacher. She is the author of *We Plan, God Laughs* and has contributed to many publications including O Magazine, Time, Olam, and the Daily Beast. She has appeared on the Today Show, ABC News Now, Anderson Cooper 360, and more, and rounds out her time counseling individuals in her private practice. Hirsch's mission is to empower individuals to be their own spiritual guides. "Thresholds is a book that will change lives," according to Rabbi Naomi Levy, author of *To Begin Again* and *Hope Will Find You*

Rabbi Shere Hirsch

Shabbat Limmud

Saturdays, November 14 and 28, 9 a.m.

Adults are invited for Torah study over coffee and cake. The discussions, led by Rabbi Dobrusin, are informal, lively and participatory. The study begins with traditional texts and participants add their own thoughts on the Torah, Haftarah portion of the week, or other traditional texts.

Lunch & Learn Series

Wednesdays, Nov. 4, 11, and 18, Noon – 1:15 p.m.

Garfunkel Schteingart Activities Center (2010 Washtenaw)

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin and Rabbi Kim Blumenthal lead informal discussions on current topics. Participants are invited to bring a dairy lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

The Sounds of the Soul.

Tuesday, November 17, 7 p.m.

These ongoing monthly sessions seek to create sacred space through song and prayer. They utilize both traditional and contemporary liturgy and reflections with the use of a guitar and drum. They include a variety of focus, including joy, gratitude, requests and peace.

Does the Soul Survive? Examining Jewish Sources and Contemporary Accounts

Wednesday, November 18, 8 p.m.

Rabbi Elie Spitz presents as a juror, weighing the evidence for survival of the soul from such claims as near death experience, mediums, and past life memories and turns to Jewish sources as the opining of fellow jurors. Participants will be able to hear the deliberations on whether there is a dimension of consciousness that survives one's physical death.

Rabbi Elie Spitz

Rabbi Spitz is the spiritual leader of Congregation Bnai Israel in Tustin, CA and a member of the Rabbinical Assembly Committee of Law and Standards. He is the author of two books - *Increasing Wholeness: Jewish Wisdom and Guided Meditations to Strengthen Body, Heart, Mind, and Spirit* and *Does the Soul Survive: A Jewish Journey to Belief in Afterlife, Past Lives & Living with Purpose*"

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Sunday, November 22, 7 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1385 Green Road.

The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County holds its twenty-first Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration with readings, music, meditations and other unique presentations from a wide variety of faith traditions. Light refreshments following the celebration. Donations accepted for non-perishable food or turkey money to help those in need in our community. 2016 Interfaith Calendars also available. For more information, call Rev. George Lambrides at 734-424-1535 or Susan King at 734-678-5616. Beth Israel Congregation is one of the many congregations which sponsor this event.

Tot Shabbat

Saturdays, Nov. 14 and Nov. 28, 11:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat is a Saturday morning program/service for parents and their children 2 – 5 years old which includes songs, stories, and prayers. It includes songs, the mysterious "Shabbat Box" a Torah procession with stuffed Torah toys, and a Kiddush for tots. There is no charge for this program. ■

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Holocaust to Hebrew: cantor's album bridges generations, genres, families

By Eitan Arom/JNS.org

These are Israeli folk songs as you've never heard them before.

And that's exactly the point: Cantor Elisa Waltzman's debut album seeks to bridge a gap between traditional Hebrew music sung by her grandfather, a Holocaust survivor, and the musical sensibilities of her kids growing up in the United States.

Set to a jazz ensemble, it combines verses remembered by children of the Holocaust with a modern sound familiar to Jews in the English-speaking world.

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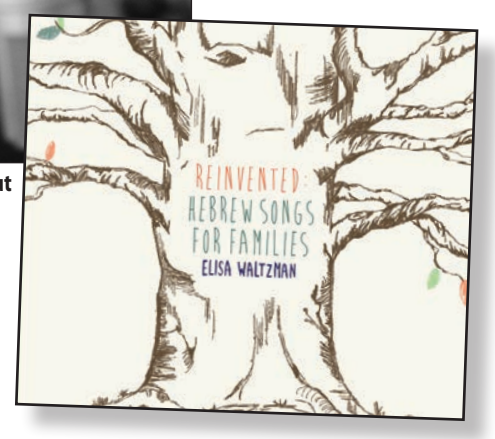

Cantor Elisa Waltzman and the cover of her debut album *Reinvented Hebrew Songs for Families*

"For me, it's the album I wish I had when I was a little kid as far as Jewish music," said jazz artist Sammy Miller, who arranged the ensemble.

But besides spanning generations, *Reinvented Hebrew Songs for Families* is a family affair. Miller and Waltzman first encountered each other when Sammy's brother Nate married Elisa's cousin Emily Kane.

"Marriage creates many beautiful things, but not many can say that theirs was the impetus for an album like this," Emily and Nate wrote in an email.

When the two musicians met at the wedding, Waltzman had had the idea for about a year and put it to Miler. What started as a half-serious suggestion rapidly evolved into a game plan.

"When I met him I was like, 'Oh he's the one—he's the one who can make the CD so amazing,'" Waltzman told JNS.org.

Sammy is also quick to offer glowing praise of his new relation.

"Emily was like, 'I have a cousin, she's an incredible singer,'" Miller said. "I was just like, 'Okay, let's see.' And then she sang at the wedding and it was like the voice of an angel, she was so incredible."

Waltzman and Miller began their musical careers within a few miles of each other, attending, respectively, the Orange County High School of the Arts and the Los Angeles County High School of the Arts.

Miller got his start as the percussionist for a band composed of him and his four siblings after first picking up the drumsticks at the age of five. One of the other members—his sister, Molly—can be heard on the album playing guitar and banjo.

Now, he leads a band of local jazz musicians called "Sammy Miller and the Congregation."

"We're all New York jazz musicians who are interested in uplifting people through our music, and in that sense it makes it a congregation," he said.

The origins of Waltzman's musical career predate her childhood by decades. Her passion for music in general and Jewish music specifically was sparked by her grandfather Rabbi Cantor David Kane, born in Bełzin, Poland, in 1928.

For his part, Kane was a student of Poland's concentration camps, singing in a children's choir drafted into service by a camp commandant to wake him up in the morning and serenade him at night.

Despite the trauma he carried from that period—Waltzman remembers her grandfather telling her he hid under a pile of corpses to escape murder—his music nonetheless brought his family and community joy and a vibrant link to the past.

"It was a survival tool for him and it was a way for him to connect with people and really express himself," she said.

She recounts how he would surprise audiences at Holocaust remembrance programs by performing "racy" songs taught to him by the Nazi commandant.

"He was singing these songs that brought back these horrible memories of the Holocaust, but at the same time he found so much humor in it," she said.

But Jewish texts were no laughing matter for Kane, who grew up in a traditional household in a majority-Jewish town and went on to lead services at Temple Beth Shalom in Long Beach, Calif., for more than three decades before his death in 2012.

Traditions notwithstanding, Kane loved Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra, according to his granddaughter. And when Waltzman told him she wanted to be a cantor, he was thrilled.

Her debut effort also included another generation of her family: her two daughters, ages 3 and 5.

Though her musical education includes cantorial training at the Academy for Jewish Religion and graduate work in opera at the University of Southern California, she used her kids as a sounding board, and "they

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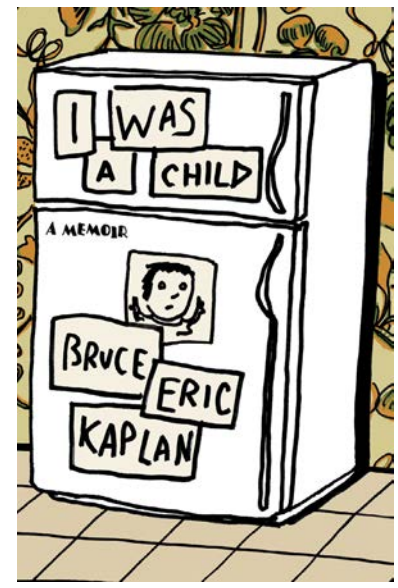

Bruce Eric Kaplan, the renowned *New Yorker* cartoonist, visits the Ann Arbor District Library to discuss his critically praised illustrated memoir *I Was a Child*.

This event is cosponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and is part of the 2015 Jewish Book Festival (November 4-15).

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November 5, 7 pm
Frankel Scholars Night
JCC of Greater Ann Arbor, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr.

November 8, 4 pm
Jonathan Sarna, Brandeis University
Lincoln and the Jews: A History
Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St.

November 9, 9:45 am–6 pm
Institute Symposium/EIHS Forum:
Secularization as Historical Process
Rackham Assembly Hall, 915 E. Washington St.

November 12, 12:15 pm
Kirsten Fermaglich, Frankel Fellow
"I Changed My Name": Cultural Debates Over Name Changing and Jewish Identity after World War II, 1945–1967
202 S. Thayer St., Room 2022

November 18, 4 pm
Donald Weber, Mount Holyoke College
Turning Toward and Away from Orthodoxy: Dilemmas of Jewish Identity
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2016 Student Exchange deadline

Max Glick, special to the WJN

Each year, Ann Arbor area 9th graders are offered an opportunity to take part in the Ann Arbor-Nahalal Student Exchange program. Divided into two parts, the trip allows participants from both Ann Arbor and Nahalal, our partnership community, a way to view life in their partnership community from a local perspective. The 2016 Student Exchange teens will be traveling to Israel during the Ann Arbor Public School's February Break, February 11–21, 2016. Later in the year, many of the Israeli teens will travel back to Ann Arbor and stay with the families of the friends they met.

The deadline to apply for the 2016 trip is Tuesday, November 10. Go to www.JewishAnnArbor.org/StudentExchange to view the application checklist, program requirement and to see the FAQs.

While recruitment for the 2016 program is taking place, Nahalali teens from the 2015 Student Exchange program will be visiting Ann Arbor from October 29 through November 5. Anyone interested in meeting the local and Israeli teens that are currently engaged, can attend a community presentation by one of their chaperones, Yair Hammer. Hammer, who was a pilot in the Israeli Air Force during Operation Solomon will be speaking on Sunday, November 1, at 7 p.m.. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor about his experiences assisting in the rescue of almost 15,000 Ethiopians in a two day period.

If you are interested in applying for the 2016 Student Exchange Program and would like more information, contact Max Glick, Federation director of Community Engagement at Max@JewishAnnArbor.org or by calling 677-0100. ■

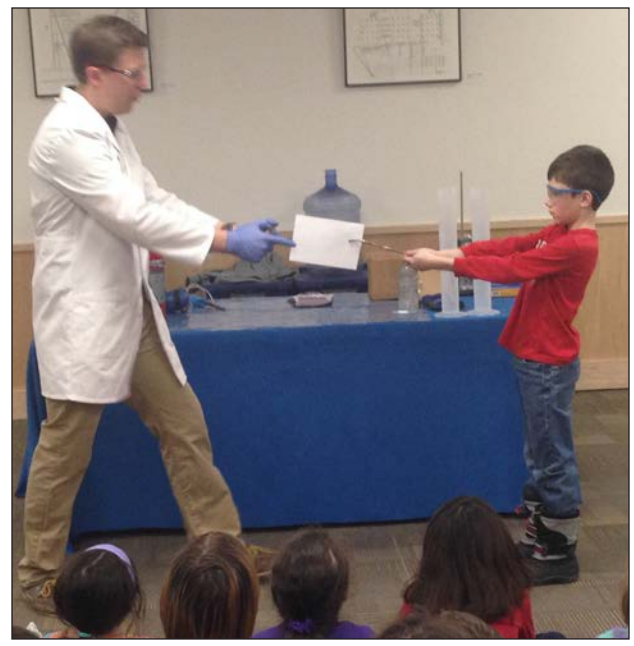
Nahalal teens from the 2014 Student Exchange visit to Ann Arbor

KidZone Vacation Days are back

Clara Silver, special to the WJN

Each year the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's youth program, KidZone, offers full days of activities and adventure for children in grades K–5 at times when Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS) and Hebrew Day School (HDS) have scheduled closures. This year the KidZone Vacation program will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on November 2, November 3, November 5, December 21 through December 23, and December 28 through December 31.

Participants can experience a camp-like atmosphere as they spend their time in the popular KidZone Lounge, which has a variety of youth-friendly equipment including lap top computers, musical keyboard, foosball and air hockey tables, and a variety of games, puzzles, books, art projects, and more. Organized activities will include arts & crafts projects, sports, active games, and self-directed free time. For a break during the busy, active day, an age-appropriate movie is shown each day after lunch; in most cases the movie is recent, within one year of its original release date. Nutritious snacks are provided, as well as all activity supplies and equipment. Professionally trained KidZone staff will supervise the children and manage the program. Students in middle and high school can join KidZone Vacation at no cost as program assistants to learn leadership skills. Only 30 participant spaces are available per day, so the JCC suggests registering early to ensure children are able to participate, which can be completed at www.jccannarbor.org. Fees vary depending upon the number of days chosen for registration. Pre- (7:30–9 a.m.) and post- (4–6 p.m.) care options are also available for an additional fee. KidZone will continue to offer its Snowdays activities program to members of the Ann Arbor JCC during unscheduled closures as well. For more information, contact Ethan Krasnow, director of Youth, Camp, Family and Fitness, at ethankrasnow@jccannarbor.org or 971-0990. ■



KidZone

The Ann Arbor community of Hebrew Day School

Hadar Dohn, special to the WJN

The beauty of community is that the sum is larger than its parts. In a day school like Hebrew Day School, not only do the families come with a wealth of backgrounds, family traditions, and Jewish perspectives, but Ann Arbor itself joins in creating the community. This results in endless opportunities to expand the learning beyond the classroom. From the immediate neighborhood, to collaboration with local Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, Hebrew Day School students benefit from real-world learning.

One such experience culminated the holidays of Tishrei. On the Friday before the end of Sukkot, the first and second graders walked around the Georgetown neighborhood to visit three sukkot. In each sukkah, the students engaged in different activities, such as saying the blessings over the lulav and etrog, or making an edible sukkah. The availability of sukkot in walking distance of the JCC enabled the students to connect the classroom learning with real examples of Jewish living.

Building relationships within the community starts at home. As a school, Hebrew Day School collaborates with other Jewish organizations such as the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and Jewish Family Services to contribute to the larger community as in the joint "Issues in Parenting" series. But the beauty of the partnership is when the students are exposed to the abundance of expertise and talents of our community members. In third through fifth grade, the students benefitted from a visit from Sarah Hong, director of programs and outreach from JFS. The students participate in the Mitzvah Mail project, which connects students and senior members of the community through letter writing. In a meaningful way, the students are able to engage in a mitzvah of honoring the elderly through an authentic writing experience.

Another example of community partnership is with the Bank of Ann Arbor. Math came to life when Louise Morse, Financial Literacy program coordinator, visited with the students to talk about privileges and responsibilities of having money. After introducing the students to key vocabulary, Morse took the students on the journey of a paycheck. Students learned about making choices about expenditures and about savings. This relevant collaborative exercise is part of an ongoing relationship with the bank; Morse will visit again and the class will take a trip to the bank.

Some may say that it takes a village to raise a child. In Ann Arbor, the loving and collaborative HDS community enriches the learning in genuine ways. ■

Sarah Hong visits with students about Mitzvah Mail

1st–2nd graders' Kabbalat Shabbat

Fifth grader tries to figure out her budget

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The Meals for Meals raffle ticket sales will kick-off at the Expansion Celebration.
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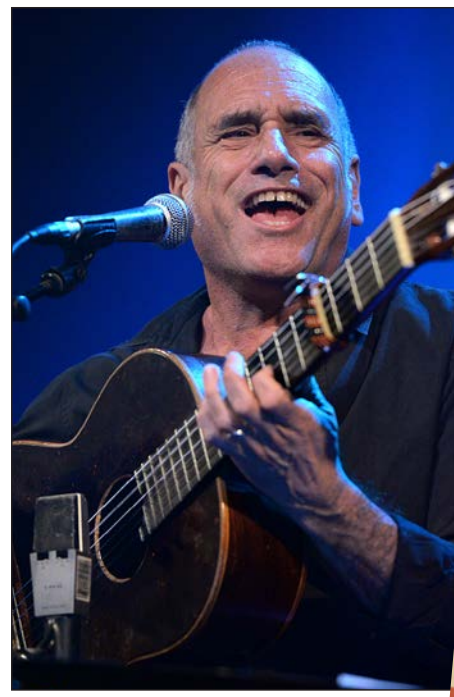
David Broza sings for peace

Sandor Slomovits, staff writer

Although in Israel he's a household name and a superstar, David Broza is not very familiar to the average American music fan. But among musicians and aficionados—Jewish and not—in this country and in many other parts of the world, he is well respected and very highly regarded. And even in Israel, he is possibly as well known for his activism on behalf of regional peace and co-existence, as he is for his music.

Locally at least, Broza's visibility will surely increase after November, when he will make several appearances in the area. On Saturday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m., Broza will be showing his new documentary film, "East Jerusalem/West Jerusalem" in Eastern Michigan University's Student Center Auditorium and will talk about the film afterward. The next morning, Sunday, November 15, at 11 a.m. Broza will appear at the Jewish Book Festival, at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. That evening, Sunday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m., Broza will give a concert at The Ark in Ann Arbor. All three events are sponsored by Eastern Michigan University's Jewish Studies Department. "Each of David Broza's appearances in Washtenaw County is an Eastern Michigan University initiative," says Martin Shichtman, director of Jewish Studies at Eastern Michigan University. "EMU Jewish Studies contacted Broza's agent, and the concert and other appearances came together from there. EMU Jewish Studies received significant assistance from a Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor Community Impact Grant. The Ark was chosen as the concert location because it is, without question, one of the finest folk music venues in the country. We were delighted that the Ark management was willing to work with us to offer this performance." (See related article, page XX.)

Broza, who has lived significant parts of his life in Israel, Spain and the United States, has been performing since the mid-1970s. He's recorded nearly three-dozen albums in three different languages—Hebrew, English and Spanish—and has toured internationally with his music. A number of his albums have been certified multiple platinum sellers, and he has collaborated, both co-writing songs and performing together in concert, with American artists such as Townes Van Zandt, Shawn Colvin and Jackson Browne. His music combines elements of all his influences—folk, pop, and rock styles—with his flamenco-inspired guitar playing and his husky, expressive voice, reminiscent of a unique mix of Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, and Paul Simon.



David Broza

Broza is possibly as well-known and admired in Israel and elsewhere, for his long-standing and very public activism on behalf of regional peace and co-existence, as he is for his music. While his mother, herself a folk musician, nurtured his musical abilities, his activism was inspired by his grandfather, Wellesley Aron, who though born in England in 1901, lived much of his life in British mandated Palestine and was the founder of Habonim, the Zionist youth group, and later of the Arab/Jewish community of Neve Shalom – Wahat as-Salam.

Broza's most recent album, the 2014 *East Jerusalem/West Jerusalem* manages to bring together both of his passions—his music as well as his efforts to help bring peace. For more than a decade Broza has played music and recorded in the East Jerusalem studio of Said Murad, a renowned Palestinian composer, producer and leader of the band Sabreen. Broza's new film, also titled, *East Jerusalem/West Jerusalem*, is a documentary that captures many of the interactions between him and other Israeli and Palestinian musicians in the studio, as well as scenes of the community, including some of the mixed children's choir that Broza brought into the studio to accompany him on the resulting album.

The recording, in English, Hebrew and Arabic, features songs in a wide range of musical styles, from Seventies folk, to nineties pop, to current-day rap, and even includes the well-known hit, "Where Do The Children Play?," by Cat Stevens (now known as Yusuf Islam). All the songs relate to the theme of collaboration and bridge making between Israeli and Arab cultures and societies.

Broza sings on "One to Three," the first track on the recording:

Don't want to preach to no one tonight/just want to tell my tale.

I was born into this reality/I was brought up with the war/doesn't mean I must accept it/don't want to fight no more.

And throughout the recording he doesn't preach, but he does ask tough questions, and expresses deep hope and faith. On "Why Can't We Live Together," which features the sounds of an Arabic oud, he sings, "Tell me why can't we live together?" On *East Jerusalem/West Jerusalem Shalom Salaam*, he sings, "So many places share the same faces." "(What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding?" highlights a mixed Arab-Israeli children's choir. And on "Jerusalem," which swings with an infectious, Seventies Bob Dylan folk rock groove, complete with a harmonica solo, Broza sings:

I believe there will come a day when the lion and the lamb will lie down in peace in Jerusalem/All the children of Abraham will lay down their swords forever in Jerusalem. ■

Best Reads

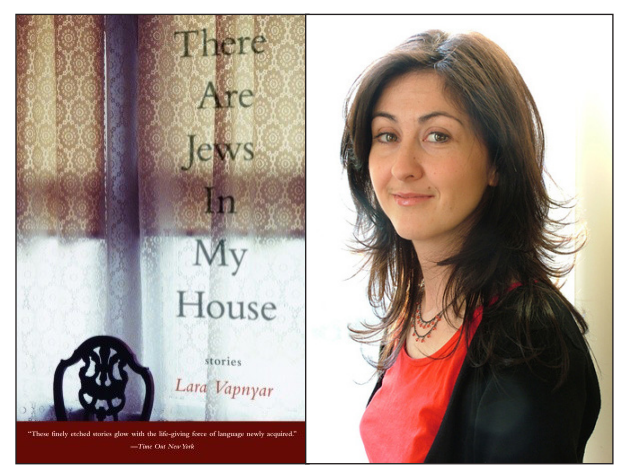
A Jewish Jane Austen?

Rachel Urist, staff writer

There are Jews in My House, a collection of six short stories, is written in a style that is deceptively simple. Writer Gary Shteyngart, who, like Vapnyar, is a native Russian, calls it: "Eerie in its simplicity, stunning in its scope." Pulitzer Prize winner Louis Menand calls Lara Vapnyar "Jane Austen with a Russian soul." He praises her for blending "coolness and pathos." Most of the stories take place in the former Soviet Union. Locales are dreary. Housing invariably consists of drab slabs of cement that stretch for blocks, punctuated only by apartment windows occurring in regular intervals.

Vapnyar's writing puts me in mind of Anouk Markovitz. This is high praise. Markovitz' novel, *I am Forbidden,* held me in its thrall long after I finished reading it. Both writers are Jewish emigrés. Both earned advanced degrees in Comparative Literature. Each tells her stories with the sensibility and linguistic acuity unique to immigrants. Vapnyar's stories are about loss and longing, hardship and resilience. They often feature fatherless children and beleaguered single mothers. Many of the characters are Jews struggling against systems and societies that don't want them.

Vapnyar's title story, "There are Jews in My House," looks at the inner turmoil of a good woman whose sound moral compass moves her to hide two Jewish friends from Nazis—and then to second-guess her decision. The second story, "Ovrashki's Trains," tells of the love of a daughter for her father. She waits for him daily. He never arrives. It is a story of dreams in the face of loss.



Lara Vapnyar and her new book, *There are Jews In My House*

The story "Lydia's Grove" is about a mother and her teen-age daughter whose regular train trips to Lydia, the mother's writing partner, come to an abrupt end. The two women collaborated for years on children's books. Lydia, who longs for love, is physically repellent but is warm, gracious and hospitable. One day, when mother and daughter arrive at Lydia's apartment, they discover that another woman has installed herself there. The mother is stunned, the daughter confused. Lydia, it turns out, is a lesbian. Her lover is cold and imperious. Lydia has finally found love, but she is now miserable. Love, it turns out, has turned her into a slave. She serves her lover hand and foot. In the end, love decrees that the beloved career must be aborted.

Vapnyar is prolific. Some of her stories have appeared in the *New Yorker Magazine.* Loss, displacement and adjustment, are her salient themes. Her writing appears simple, but it hides layers of meaning. ■

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Longone curated exhibit, Dining out, at U-M's Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library

Mary Bilyeu, staff writer

Ann Arbor is a restaurant town, offering an abundance of places to eat. Award-winning and trendy establishments, a variety of international cuisines, and even beloved late night dives can all be found here.

So it's only appropriate that the city should be home to an exhibit called "Dining Out: Menus, Chefs, Restaurants, Hotels, and Guide Books," a celebration of "the history of the eating out experience," which is on display at the University of Michigan's Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library through December 17.

Jan Longone is the adjunct curator of culinary history at the school's library. Along with her husband, Dan, she has donated a tremendous collection of cookbooks and other cooking-related materials and ephemera to the university to create the Janice Bluestein Longone Culinary Archive. And from this treasure trove of more than 15,000 items, Longone has culled priceless books, notes, menus, letters, and more to illustrate our continued love affair with going out to eat rather than staying at home.

Famed chef James Beard once referred to a display of materials from the Longone archive as "an unequaled feat of culinary scholarship." The same could be said of "Dining Out," which displays more than 300 treasures.

As for menus: "We have old ones, we have new ones, we have ugly ones, we have beautiful ones," said. Longone. One comes from a Basque restaurant in Idaho, and another details a breakfast that was served at the Palace Hotel in Cincinnati on March 27, 1892. A menu from Milleman-Gilbert, billed as Kansas City's "famous airport restaurant," welcomes children and offers a "special gift certificate" for those youngsters who clean their plates. There is even a menu from a dinner held at the World Trade Center's Windows on the World on June 28, 1976.

One cookbook in the exhibit is featured in a section devoted to California cuisine, and comes from chef Jeremiah Tower who

first ran the kitchen at Chez Panisse in Berkeley and helped to pioneer the movement to showcase local and organic foods. Tower donated his own collected items to the Longone archive, including such prizes as the letter from Alice Waters inviting him to work at her restaurant, which details salary and other stipulations. "This ugly book was Jeremiah's notebook," Longone said of an ordinary-looking collection of papers that's aged and worn. On the inside cover is a listing of important phone numbers - not those of chefs, but of plumbers, electricians, and others essential to the running of a restaurant. The pages include menus, pricing for dishes and for ingredients, scribbles about the number of orders placed or the quantity of leftovers, substitutions, and other minutiae. "This is on-going real stuff ... for the first 8 years," Longone said with great enthusiasm.

Other materials in the exhibit include a Ford Motor Company guide book listing restaurants worth traveling to in a newly purchased car, small art works from Salvador Dalí, personal Christmas cards sent each year to. Longone from a Catalan restaurant owner, a Howard Johnson road map, and a plan from 1915 to invite world leaders to gather 'round a dinner table and work toward peace. Memories will be triggered of the Horn and Hardart Automat, and of the special lunches served on a 1947 train trip to take the University of Michigan marching band to the Rose Bowl. And there is Duncan Hines' book, How a Traveling Salesman Became the Most Trusted Name in Food, as well as one of his Adventures in Good Eating guides offering favorite places to find a meal while on the road; it comes with the original pencil, from the 1930s, that had been included for note taking.

There is even a miniature Bibendum—the Michelin man. Longone tells of having been part of a meeting with representatives from the company, and of their having asked if she needed anything else once they were through talking. "Yes," she said. "I'd like a Michelin man," which they promptly presented to her.

"This is my most favorite," said. Longone of The Temperance Movement Cookbook from 1888. A fold-out map shows Manhattan island covered with so many red dots used to indicate saloons that "I nicknamed it 'The Measles,'" she joked. It is part of a section devoted to dining in New York City, featuring a range from delis and the beloved Schrafft's restaurant to the elite Delmonico's and Sardi's. Other areas of focus include guide books for the post-World War II economy, famous (and some forgotten, though once noted) chefs, and the resurrection and preservation of the nearly-extinct Catalan cuisine (whose most celebrated representative is Ferran Adrià, whose El Bulli was regularly voted the best restaurant in the world until he closed it in 2011).

Longone says that this will be the last exhibit she curates after a decades-long career collecting, dealing in rare books, participating in professional food and culinary history organizations, and mentoring. "I'll lecture still," she stated. "I like that." Her talk about this exhibit will be held on November 12 at 4 p.m., in the Gallery on the 1st floor of the Hatcher library.

As with every project she immerses herself in, "Dining Out" has been a true passion for Longone, an opportunity to share her collected treasures.

"I'm so proud of it," Longone said of this extraordinary exhibit. ■

Dining Out is open through December 17 in the Stephen S. Clark Library on the 2nd floor of the University of Michigan's Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library, 913 S. University Ave. Hours are Sunday 1 p.m. to 2 a.m., Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A lecture given by curator Jan Longone, to be followed by a reception, will be on November 12 at 4 p.m. in the Gallery on the 1st floor of the library. For more information, call 764-0400 or go to lib.umich.edu/events/dining-out.

Winter Squash Soup with Porcini Cream

- 1/2 cup dried porcini (1/2 ounce)
- 1 cup boiling water
- Twelve 1- to 1 1/4 -pound sweet dumpling squash
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 12 cups rich chicken or turkey stock, preferably homemade
- 5 1/4 pounds winter squash, such as butternut or pumpkin, peeled, seeded and cut into 1-inch dice
- 6 flat-leaf parsley sprigs, plus 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 4 small sage sprigs, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

In a medium heatproof bowl, soak the porcini in the boiling water until softened, about 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 350°. Using a sharp paring knife, carefully cut a 2-inch ring around the stems of each dumpling squash; remove and reserve. Scoop out and discard the seeds from inside the squash and those clinging to the tops. Season each squash with salt and pepper and replace the tops.

Set the squash on a baking sheet and bake for 30 minutes, or until just tender. Let cool slightly. Using a teaspoon, carefully scoop the flesh from each squash, leaving a 1/3-inch-thick shell. Replace the lids and reserve the flesh. Leave the oven on.

In a large saucepan, combine the stock with the butternut squash and the parsley and sage sprigs. Bring to a boil, then simmer over low heat until the squash is tender, about 20 minutes. Discard the parsley and sage sprigs. Working in batches, in a food processor, puree the squash with about 1/2 cup of the stock. Return the puree to the sauce-pan, add the reserved sweet dumpling squash flesh and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

Rub the porcini to loosen any grit, discard any tough stems and transfer the mushrooms to a blender. Let the soaking liquid stand for 5 minutes, then slowly add 1/2 cup to the blender and puree. Scrape the puree into a bowl and season with salt and pepper.

In a medium bowl, whip the cream until firm. Fold in the mushroom puree and season with salt and pepper. Reheat the squash in the oven, then transfer to plates and set the lids beside the squash. Stir the chopped parsley into the soup and ladle it into the squash. Spoon a dollop of porcini cream into each soup, garnish with the sage and serve.

Yield: 12 servings.

Source: Jeremiah Tower

Potato Chip Omelet

- 18 eggs
- 7-1/2 ounces sea salt and cracked pepper kettle cooked potato chips
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- Parmesan cheese, for serving (optional)

Break the eggs into a bowl and beat with a balloon whisk until very frothy. Add the chips, being careful not to break them, then let soak in the egg for 1 minute.

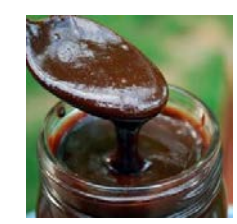
Place a nonstick frying pan over medium heat, then add 2 teaspoons of oil. Pour the egg mixture into the pan. As the eggs cook, use a spatula to loosen the omelet from the edge of the pan, gently tipping the pan to let some of the extra egg run under the lifted portion; do this around the circumference of the omelet.

When the bottom of the omelet has set and most of the egg is cooked, gently fold the omelet over onto itself to form a semi-circle. Cook until the center is set. Serve immediately, with a sprinkling of cheese if desired.

Yield: 6 servings.

Source: Adapted from Ferran Adrià's The Family Meal: Home Cooking with Ferran Adrià.

Schrafft's Hot Fudge Sauce



- 2 tablespoons cocoa (such as Hershey's brown label)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 ounce bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 tablespoon salted butter
- Few drops malt vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

In a heavy saucepan, mix together until smooth, the cocoa, sugar, and 1/4 cup of heavy cream.

Stir in the remaining 1/2 cup of cream, the light corn syrup, chopped chocolate, butter, and a few drops of malt vinegar.

Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil over medium heat for 7 to 8 minutes, or until the mixture reaches 220° to 225° on a candy thermometer.

Remove from the heat, stir in the vanilla, then allow to rest about 3 minutes.

Yield: 1 scant cup.

Source: Schrafft's.

November 2015

Sunday 1

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

50th Anniversary Celebration: JCS. Brunch, socializing and a program highlighting 50 years of JCS history. Children welcome. Suggested donation of $18 ($9 for kids 12 and under; $54 for family of up to six). Reservations required at jewishculturalsociety.org. 11:30 a.m.

Genesis Grounds Clean-Up: TBE. For information, contact genesis7890@icloud.com. 1–4 p.m.

Shir Chadash: TBE. 5–6 p.m.

Kol Halev: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.

Biblical Hebrew Grammar Class: TBE. 7:45–9 p.m.

Monday 2

KidZone Vacation Days: JCC. For information, see http://www.jccannarbor.org/#!kz-vacation/c1isn or contact tamaralewis@jccannarbor.org. 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. *Also November 3 and 5.*

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Dilemmas of Faith Series: BIC. 6 p.m.

Keshet: TBE. 6–8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 3

KidZone Vacation Days: JCC. *See November 2.*

Journey of the Soul: An Exploration of Life, Death, and What Lies Beyond: Chabad. Jewish Learning Institute Course addressing questions like: What is the soul? Do Jews believe in heaven and hell? Can souls communicate with us from the afterlife? How does reincarnation work? 9:30 a.m and 7: 30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

***Yidish Tish* (Yiddish Conversational Group):** Beanster's Café in UM Michigan League. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Reading First Samuel in Hebrew: BIC. With Liz Fried, PhD. 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Shalom Gever: TBE. 4:15–5:45 p.m. *See November 2.*

Group Spiritual Exploration: TBE. 6–7:30 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 4

Jewish Book Festival: JCC. *Through November 15.*

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.

Group Spiritual Exploration: TBE. 12:30–2 p.m.

Mahj: TBE. Off-site. 1–3 p.m.

Book Talk: JCC. Jewish Book Festival Event. Author Andrea Angell Herzig discusses her book, *Courage in the Little Suitcase,* the story of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising told through the eyes of its youngest survivor. Sponsored by Phyllis and David Herzig. For information, contact karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. 4:30 p.m.

Book Talk: JCC. Jewish Book Festival Event. Author Anthony David discusses his book, *An Improbable Friendship: The Remarkable Lives of Israeli Ruth Dayan and Palestinian Raymonda Tawil and Their Forty Year Peace Mission.*" This dual biography tells about the remarkable lives of Ruth Dayan, wife of Moshe Dayan for thirty-seven years, and Palestinian journalist Raymonda Tawil, Yasser Arafat's mother-in-law. 7:15–9:30 p.m.

Thursday 5

KidZone Vacation Days: JCC. *See November 2.*

Jewish Book Festival Talk and Lunch: JCC. Do you hate exercising? Have you tried to change your behavior to get fit and healthy, but struggled to stick with a program? Michelle Segar will talk about how "exercising" may be the problem, not you. $10 for lunch in advance/$15 at the door. Talk at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. For information, contact karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org.

Adult Jewish Yoga with Shlomit: TBE. Held on the lower level in rooms 9 and 10. Set an intention based on weekly Torah portion and work on strength. Bring your own mat. Semester price is $120 or purchase punch card with 10 classes, 11th class free for $100. For information or to purchase punch card, contact aostfield@templebethemeth.org. Noon–1:15 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. For practitioners of all levels. Intention and instruction followed by 30-minute silent meditation. Facilitated by SooJi Min, Judy Freedman, and Quyen Epstein-Ngo. Min, TBE's executive director, recently completed 16-month mindfulness teacher training program sponsored by the Jewish Spirituality and Awakened Heart Project. Freedman has been meditating for 20 years and has attended a three-year training in Jewish Meditation sponsored by Philips Foundation at Chochmat ha Lev. Epstein-Ngo is a therapist who holds a joint doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology and Women's Studies. Meets in TBE Chapel. 1:15–2 p.m.

Midrash in Hebrew: BIC. 1:30 p.m.

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4–7 p.m.

Jewish Book Festival Event: JCC. Frankel Scholars. For information, contact karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. 7 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. 8 p.m. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study from the original Talmud tractate. *Thursdays.*

Friday 6

Shalom Gever: TBE. 3:30–5:45 p.m. *See November 2.*

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Each week, Rabbi Levy brings his choice of text from both inside and outside the Jewish tradition, from the Torah to the medieval period through to modernity. Drop in when you can and bring your lunch. TBE Adult Lounge. 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Families with Young Children (FYC) Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat Service in Sanctuary at 5:45 p.m. and Tot Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Favorite songs led by Cantor Hayut. Enjoy macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, applesauce, and a salad bar immediately following the short service. $5 per person for dinner. Buy discounted punch card in advance at TBE office. After dinner, enjoy a Shira, a joyous, active songfest, followed by a popsicle oneg.

Sukkat Shalom: The Peaceful Shelter of Shabbat: TBE. Elementary Shabbat Services in Chapel with Rabbi Levy. What do you do after Tot Shabbat no longer meets your needs? Held parallel to Tot Shabbat, this offers a quieter moment for children in grades K-3. Services at 5:45 p.m. Dinner at 6:15 p.m., followed by Shira Service at 6:45 p.m.

Parent and Family Shabbat and Dinner: UM Hillel. Services (optional) at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Includes four student-led services and a delicious gourmet, kosher Shabbat dinner prepared by in-house chef, Emil. Help create a warm and wonderful Shabbat experience for student leaders, visiting families and community members. Tickets are $18 and can be reserved by phone at 769-0500 or online at michiganhillel.org/event/family-shabbat-2015/ For information, contact Michigan Hillel at 769-0500.

Shabbat Services: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 7

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10–11 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 8

Men's Club Planning Session: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Local Author's Brunch: JCC. Jewish Book Festival Event. Showcasing the rich tapestry of written works by Ken Wachsberger, Rich Adler, Barbara Stark Nemon, Keith Alexander, Michelle Segar, Rena Seltzer, and Michelle Osner. Enjoy a light brunch and conversation with authors before author presentations. Sponsored by Jewish Family Services. $10 in advance/$15 at the door. For information, contact karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. For information, see karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. 10–Noon.

"Golden Ages and Other Myths: On Jewish Culture in Islamic Spain:" Frankel Center. Grand Rapids Padnos Lecture presented by Sarah Stroumsa, Louis & Helen Padnos Visiting Professorship in Judaic Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Temple Emanuel, 1715 Fulton Street East, Grand Rapids. For information, contact http://www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/events. 10 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Jewish Book Festival Book Talk: JCC. Jonathan Sarna discusses his book, *Lincoln and the Jews,* in which he uncovers a new and previously unknown feature of Abraham Lincoln's life. Sponsored by UM Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, EMU Jewish Studies, UM Hillel and Fran and Irwin Martin. Held at the University of Michigan's Rackham Auditorium. Reception follows talk. 4 p.m.

Shir Chadash: TBE. 5–6 p.m.

Conversation About Raising Jewish Teens: TBE. 6:15–7:30 p.m.

Kol Halev: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.

Monday 9

Symposium: Frankel Institute. "Secularization as Historical Process." 915 E. Washington St., Rackham Building, Assembly Hall. For information, see http://www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/events. 8:45 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Jewish Book Festival Book Talk and Lunch: JCC. Presentation by Peter Manseau, author of *One Nation, Under Gods: A New American History*. At the heart of the nation's spiritual history are audacious and often violent scenes, but the Puritans and the shining city on the hill give us just one way to understand the United States. Rather than recite American history from a Christian vantage point, Manseau proves that what really happened is worth a close, fresh look. $10 in advance/ $15 at the door. Talk at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon.

A2SO Music with Friends: JCC. Ann Arbor Symphony performance. $10. To RSVP, phone 971-0990 or contact karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. For information, visit www.a2so.org. 1–3 p.m.

Shalom Gever: TBE. 4:15–7 p.m. *See November 2.*

Dilemmas of Faith Series: BIC. 6 p.m.

Keshet: TBE. 6–8:30 p.m.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. Led by lay leadership on the 2nd Monday and by the clergy leadership of Rabbi Levy on the 4th Monday of the month. TBE Room 16. For information, contact rgstutesman@sbcglobal.net. 7–8:30 p.m.

Women's Torah Study: TBE. In-depth study and lively discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Cantor Regina Hayut. Group explores various passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary to participate in discussion. TBE Adult Lounge. For information, contact cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org. 7–8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 10

Journey of the Soul: An Exploration of Life, Death, and What Lies Beyond: Chabad. JLI Course. 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *See November 3.*

***Yidish Tish* (Yiddish Conversational Group):** Beanster's Café in UM Michigan League. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See first Tuesday of month.*

Reading First Samuel in Hebrew: BIC. With Liz Fried, PhD. 1:30 p.m.

Shalom Gever: TBE. 4:15–5:45 p.m. *See November 2.*

Jewish Book Festival Book Talk: JCC. Presentation by Hannah Nordhaus, author of *American Ghost: A Family's Haunted Past in the Desert Southwest.* Explore the life and death of Julia Staab, delving into her biography in Germany and territorial New Mexico while also exploring the tale of her unsettled spirit. It is the story of pioneer women and immigrants, of ghost hunters and psychics, of frontier audacity and mental illness, and of imagination and myth, all wrapped around the figure of Nordhaus' ill-understood foremother. 7–9 p.m.

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. Cantor Emerita Annie Rose leads a journey through this year's books. Sponsored by the Year of the Torah Fund. November's book is *Jews and Words* by Amos Oz and Fania Oz-Salzberger. View full brochure at www.templebethemeth.org. To sign up, email cantorannie@gmail.com or drop in at any meeting. Adult Lounge. 7:30–8:30 p.m.

A Season of Mussar I: BIC. 8 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 11

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.

Jewish Book Festival Book Talk: JCC. Presentation by Eric Kaplan, author of *I Was a Child,* which is about our attempt to understand the mysteries that are our parents, families and ultimately, ourselves. Above all, it captures what it was like for Kaplan, and perhaps for many of us, to be a child. This event will be held at the Ann Arbor District Library Main Branch. Sponsored by the Ann Arbor District Library and Temple Beth Emeth. 7–9 p.m.

Thursday 12

Jewish Book Festival Book Talk and Lunch: JCC. Presentation by Chaya Deitsch, author of *Here and There: Leaving Hasidim, Keeping My Family,* a heartfelt and personal account of a woman raised as a Lubavicher Hasid who leaves that world without leaving the family that remains within it. $10 in advance/$15 at the door. Talk at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon.

Jewish Yoga: TBE. Noon–1:15 p.m. *See November 5.*

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. Noon–1 p.m. *See November 10.*

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Calendar

Colloquium: Frankel Institute. "I Changed My Name: Cultural Debates Over Name Changing and Jewish Identity after World War II, 1945-1967." Presented by Kristen Fermaglich, Frankel Institute Fellow. 202 S. Thayer St., Room 2022 Thayer. For information, see http://www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/events. 12:15 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:15–2 p.m. *See November 5.*

Midrash in Hebrew: BIC. 1:30 p.m.

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4–7 p.m.

Jewish Book Festival Book Talk: JCC. Presentation by Rabbi Sherre Hirsch, author of *Thresholds: How to Thrive Through Life's Transitions to Live Fearlessly and Regret-Free.* Rabbi Hirsch draws on decades of counseling individuals of all faiths and religions, the wisdom of ancient stories, research from psychology, and tales from real life to help readers summon the faith, courage, and confidence to embrace the exhilarating new possibilities and experiences that lie across the threshold. Sponsored by Beth Israel Congregation. 7–9 p.m.

Jewish Storytellers in America: TBE. Mini-course, taught by Julian Levinson, UM Samuel Shetzer Associate Professor of Jewish Studies. What better way to learn about life than to hear about someone else's troubles or triumphs? Storytellers can bring us to unknown worlds, teach us about the world we thought we knew, and bring the community together under shared values. Read and discuss a sampling of Jewish stories written in the United States since 1945. Today's session covers Contemporary Jewish Storytellers, Part 1 with a focus on the Holocaust. TBE Room 16. 7–8:30 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. 8 p.m. *See first Thursday of month.*

Friday 13

Amster Center Annual Business Breakfast: JFS. For information, see www.amstercenter.org/business-breakfast

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Levy: TBE. 12:30–1:30 p.m. *See November 6.*

Shalom Gever: TBE. 3:30–5:45 p.m. *See November 2.*

Families with Young Children (FYC) Shabbat Services: TBE. *See November 6.*

Sukkat Shalom: The Peaceful Shelter of Shabbat: TBE. *See November 6.*

7th Grade Shabbat Dinner: BIC. 7 p.m.

Shabbat Services: TBE. Shabbat Service | 3rd Grade Blessing and Osrui Shabbat from 7:30–9 p.m. Before 3rd Grade Shabbat, "Jump Into Shabbat Pre-Service Fun" with dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall ($5/per person), followed at 6:45 p.m. by gaga, jump roping, hula hooping and other thrills.

Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 14

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah: TBE. 10–11:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 15

Jewish Book Festival Brunch with David Broza: JCC. Broza's latest album is *East Jerusalem, West Jerusalem,* recorded entirely in the Palestinian Sabreen Studio in East Jerusalem with the help of American multi-Grammy Award Winner, singer-songwriter Steve Earle as producer. Sponsored by EMU Jewish Studies and the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor. $10 in advance/$15 at the door. Talk at 11 a.m., followed by brunch at noon.

Gan Katan: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Memoir Reading in the Library: TBE. Hear from local memoir writers about what it took for them to write and publish memoirs. This month's reading and discussion will cover *Never Be Afraid,* by Ken Wachsberger. No RSVP necessary. TBE Library. 4:30–6 p.m.

Trinkets & Treasures: TBE Sisterhood. Community Estate Sale for shopping, recycling and fundraising in style. Shop for much loved, gently used and new items, specifically donated for this event. Free general entry from 5 p.m. Early entry for $10 from 4–5 p.m. with wine and cheese. Social Hall, 2309 Packard Street. Contact yuniaaron@me.com for information about the event and also about drop-off locations. In TBE Social Hall. 4–9 p.m.

Shir Chadash: TBE. 5–6 p.m.

Kol Halev: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.

Monday 16

Shalom Gever: TBE. 4:15–7 p.m. *See November 2.*

Keshet: TBE. 6–8:30 p.m.

Dilemmas of Faith: BIC. 6 p.m.

Memoir Writing Workshop: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Israel Interest Trip Meeting: TBE. 7:30–8:30 p.m

Tuesday 17

Journey of the Soul: An Exploration of Life, Death, and What Lies Beyond: Chabad. 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *See November 3.*

***Yidish Tish* (Yiddish Conversational Group):** Beanster's Café in UM Michigan League. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See first Tuesday of month.*

Reading First Samuel in Hebrew: BIC. With Liz Fried, PhD. 1:30 p.m.

Shalom Gever: TBE. 4:15–5:45 p.m. *See November 2.*

Sounds of the Soul: BIC. 7 p.m.

Rabbinic Search Committee: TBE. 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Board Meeting: BIC. 8 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 18

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.

Mahj: TBE. Off-site. 1–3 p.m.

"Turning Toward and Away from Orthodoxy: Dilemmas of Jewish Identity:" Frankel Institute. Presented by Donald Weber, Mount Holyoke College. 202 S. Thayer St., Room 2022 Thayer. For information, see http://www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/events. 4 p.m.

"Does the Soul Survive?" BIC. Presented by Rabbi Elie Kaplan Spitz at 8 p.m.

Thursday 19

Jewish Yoga: TBE. Noon–1:15 p.m. *See November 5.*

Sage-ing Circles: JCC. Free introductory session. The Circle provides a process for inner growth, integration and healing that can add meaning and purpose to life. Session led by Sandra Berman, M.A. For information, contact Rachael Hoffenblum at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:15–2 p.m. *See November 5.*

Midrash in Hebrew: BIC. 1:30 p.m.

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4–7 p.m.

[E]met: An Honest Conversation about Death: TBE. Join in the second year of this discussion group about death. [E]met is a group-directed discussion of death with no specific agenda other than to share stories, ideas and experiences. While a decidedly Jewish context will be offered, the discussion is not limited to any one belief. This is not a grief support group or a counseling session, but rather an opportunity to grapple with this important part of life within a community of others. Co-facilitated by Brian Ashin and Rabbi Levy. TBE Rooms 7 and 8. 7–8:30 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Thursdays. See first Thursday of month.*

Friday 20

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Levy: TBE. 12:30–1:30 p.m. *See November 6.*

Shalom Gever: TBE. 3:30–5:45 p.m. *See November 2.*

Families with Young Children (FYC) Shabbat Services: TBE. *See November 6.*

Sukkat Shalom: The Peaceful Shelter of Shabbat: TBE. *See November 6.*

Shabbat Services: TBE. Shabbat Service | Brotherhood Shabbat and Birthday/Anniversary Celebration from 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 21

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Chanukah Bazaar: TBE. Gelt, candles, dreidels, menorahs, giftwrap, toys, cards, kitchen items, jewelry and unique gifts. TBE Adult Lounge. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Shabbat Morning with the Rabbis for 6th Grade: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10–11 a.m.

Genesis 41st Anniversary Celebration: TBE. 4–7 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 22

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Rishonim Goes Bowling: TBE. Off-site. Meet at 1950 South Industrial Highway for fun afternoon of bowling and food. $15. For information and to RSVP, contact Zoe McCoon at tbeyouth.annarbor@gmail.com. 1–3 p.m.

Kadima Goes Bowling: TBE. Off-site. Meet at 1950 South Industrial Highway for fun afternoon of bowling and food. $15. For information and to RSVP, contact Zoe McCoon at tbeyouth.annarbor@gmail.com. 3–5 p.m.

Art Reception: JCC. Reception for artist Joan Zald. For information, contact karenfreedland@jccannarbor.org. 3–5 p.m.

Chanukah Bazaar: TBE. 3–7:30 p.m. *See November 21.*

Shir Chadash: TBE. 5–6 p.m.

Kol Halev: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.

Monday 23

Shalom Gever: TBE. 4:15–7 p.m. *See November 2.*

Keshet: TBE. 6–8:30 p.m.

Dilemmas of Faith: BIC. 6 p.m.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m. *See November 9.*

Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m. *See November 9.*

Tuesday 24

Journey of the Soul: An Exploration of Life, Death, and What Lies Beyond: Chabad. 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *See November 3.*

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A Season of Mussar: BIC. 8 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 25

AARTY Pie Sale: TBE. Pre-order pies at secure.templebethemeth.org by November 17. 4–7 p.m.

Erev Thanksgiving Service: TBE. Interfaith Service with St. Clare's Episcopal in shared sanctuary. 7:30–9 p.m.

Thursday 26

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Thursdays. See first Thursday of month.*

Friday 27

Shalom Gever: TBE. 3:30–5:45 p.m. *See November 2.*

Families with Young Children (FYC) Shabbat Services: TBE. *See November 6.*

Sukkat Shalom: The Peaceful Shelter of Shabbat: TBE. *See November 6.*

Shabbat Services: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 28

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10–11 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of tcalendar.*

Sunday 29

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Monday 30

Shalom Gever: TBE. 4:15–7 p.m. *See November 2.*

Keshet: TBE. 6–8:30 p.m.

Dilemmas of Faith: BIC. 6 p.m.

Memoir Writing Workshop: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

Shabbat Service: AAOM. Services held at UM Hillel. Call 994-9258 in advance to confirm time.

Shabbat Service: BIC. 6 p.m.

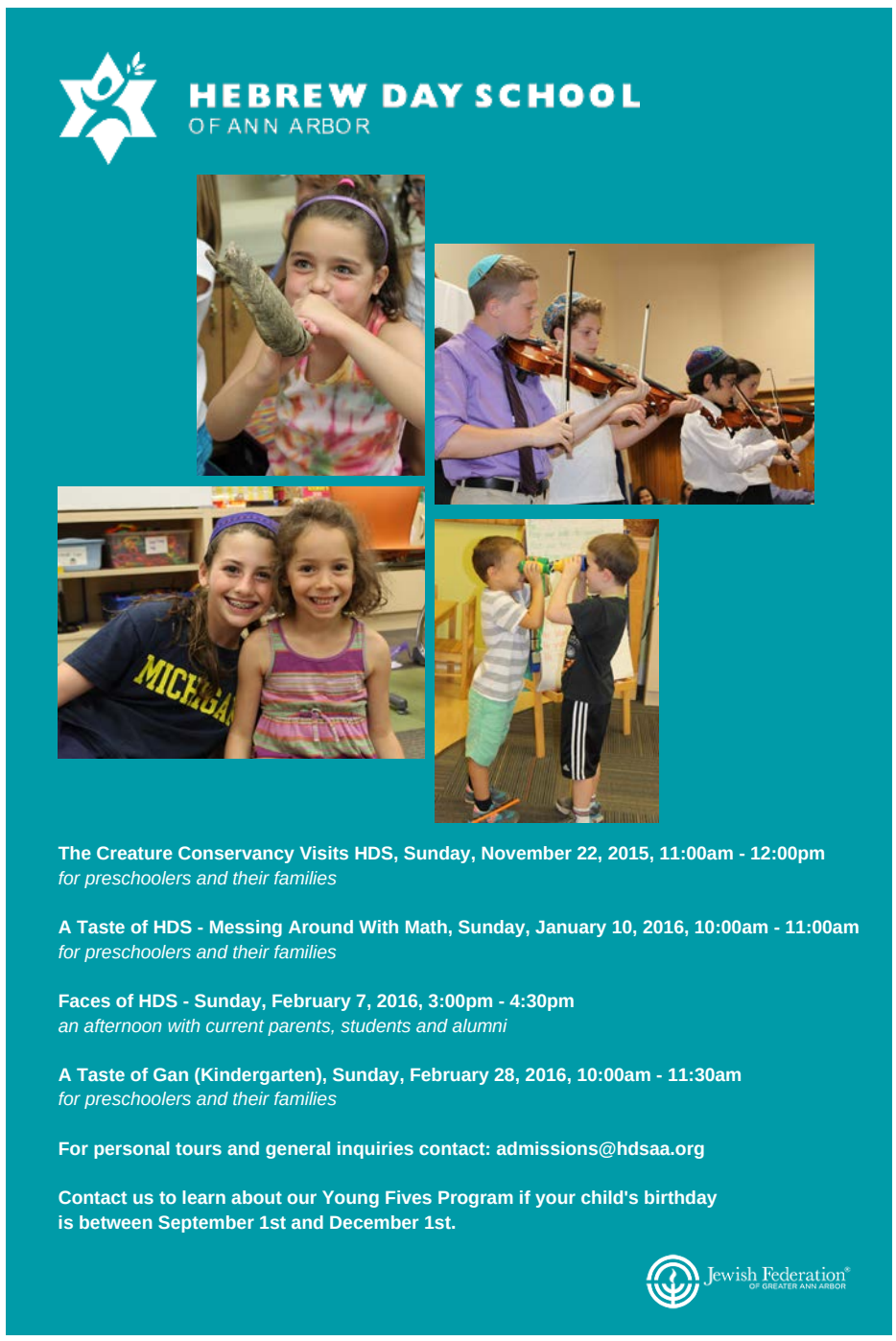
Shabbat Service: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 665-4744.

Shabbat Service: Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation. 6:15 p.m. at the JCC the fourth Friday each month. Musical Shabbat service followed by vegetarian potluck. Pizza nosh for the kids at 6:00 p.m. Childcare provided during the service. All are welcome to attend. For information, call 975-6527, email mamacohen@comcast.net, or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Service: Chabad. Begins at candle-lighting time. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals and Jewish holidays. Call 995-3276 in advance.

Weekly Shabbat services

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Ma'ariv



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Shabbat Services: AA Reconstructionist Congregation. Morning services held the second Saturday of each month at the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon integrating traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary readings including Torah service and discussion. A morning of songs and text study takes place the first Saturday of each month. For info, email info@aarecon.org or call 913-9705 or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Services: Chabad. Friday night services at Shabbat candle lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown. Call 995-3276 for Home Hospitality and Meals for Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

Shabbat Services: Pardes Hannah. Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call 663-4039 for more information. 10 a.m. Led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg.

Shabbat Services: TBE. Torah Study with Rabbi Levy at 8:50 a.m. Morning Minyan with Rabbi Delson and lay leaders at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. most weeks. Call the office at 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

Home Hospitality for Shabbat and Holiday Meals: AAOM. Call 662-5805 in advance.

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Frequently listed phone numbers and addresses of organizations

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1429 Hill Street 994-5822

Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 913-9705

Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)
2000 Washtenaw Ave. 665-9897

Chabad House
715 Hill Street 995-3276

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 971-0990

Jewish Cultural Society (JCS)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 975-9872

Jewish Family Services (JFS)
2245 South State Street 769-0209

Jewish Federation
2939 Birch Hollow Drive 677-0100

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2010 Washtenaw Ave. 761-5324

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2309 Packard Road 665-4744

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1429 Hill Street 769-0500

Shabbat Candlelighting

November 6	5:02 p.m.
November 13	4:54 p.m.
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prefer when I sing in a more natural, lower key with a soothing sound."

The songs they liked and sang back to her, she figured, stood a good chance of making the leap from the last generation to the next.

Another person to whom she exposed verses like "Kol Dodi" and Zionist anthems like "Od Lo Ahavti Dai" was Sammy Miller.

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The pictured band, "Sammy Miller and the Congregation," arranged the ensemble for Elisa Waltzman's new album

He, in turn, introduced those texts to modern melodies. For example, the album adds a horn section and saxophone solo to "Zum Gali Gali," a laborer's chant sung by early Israeli settlers that extols the kibbutzniks' toil towards a shared future.

"The melodics and the harmonics are pretty natural," said Miller, who lacks Waltzman's Hebrew training and acumen. "But I just wanted to understand the deeper meaning of these songs."

Waltzman hopes the album fills a void she experienced herself in trying to pass her grandfather's musical inspiration onto her kids: a lack of Hebrew music that both parents and kids will agree to listen to.

Her ardor for the classic texts is matched by Miller's lifelong exploration of modern American music and jazz.

"I think it's our job as artists to find those points of intersection—those are the most interesting parts of the arts," he said. "It's not what's different between Jewish canon and American popular songs, but it's actually so much that unifies them."

And perhaps, he says, had he been exposed to an album like this one during his early education, it might have piqued his interest earlier in Hebrew melodies.

"It's music that I would have been into it—the funky guitar and the raunchy saxophone," Miller said. "It's a record I would have loved to put on." ■

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Vitals

Mazel tov

Gabriel Kellman on his bar mitzvah, November 7.
Jesse Rosenberg on his bar mitzvah, November 14.
Maoz Bareket on his bar mitzvah, November 21.
Leslie and Mark Rosenwasser on the birth of their granddaughter, Eve Hadassah, born on September 20 to parents Bradley Rosenwasser and Rebecca Grekin.
Noreen and Raymond DeYoung on the birth of their granddaughter and to Jessica and Jake Kander on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Coraline, born on September 22.

Condolences

The Rosenberg/Lerner family on the death of Marc Lerner's mother, Beatrice (Betty) Lerner, September 25.
The Grekin family on the death of Linda Grekin's husband, Roger Grekin, September 29.
The Sikkenga/Velick family on the death of Elizabeth Sikkenga's father, Bill Sikkenga, October 3.
Sam Hirsch on the death of his mother, Diane Hirsch.
Malverne Reinhart on the death of her brother-in-law, Norman Sommers, on October 18.
Mark Good on the death of his mother, Yvonne Good, Spetember 23.
Ray Daniel, Elizabeth and Benjamin Ayer on the death of their father, Ray Sherrod Ayer, October 5.
Barbara Bergman on the death of her mother, Jean Mankoff, October 7.
Sarajane Winkelman on the death of her brother, Richard Serwin, October 15.
William Berry II on the death of his father, William Berry Sr., October 16.
Jeffrey Sanfield on the death of his mother, Sarah Sanfield, and his father, Marvin Sanfield.

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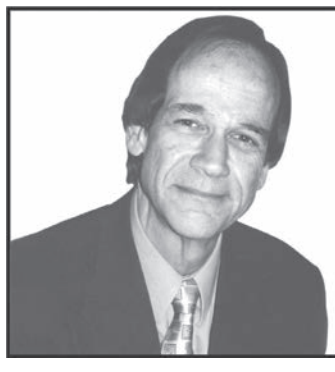

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Israeli superstar David Broza is considered one of the world's most dynamic and vibrant performers.

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Tickets go on sale Saturday, 7/25, at 9 a.m., in person at the Michigan Union Ticket Office or by phone at **734-763-8587**. Tickets will be available online at The Ark website at 10 a.m. For more information, please contact: jewish.studies@emich.edu.

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